

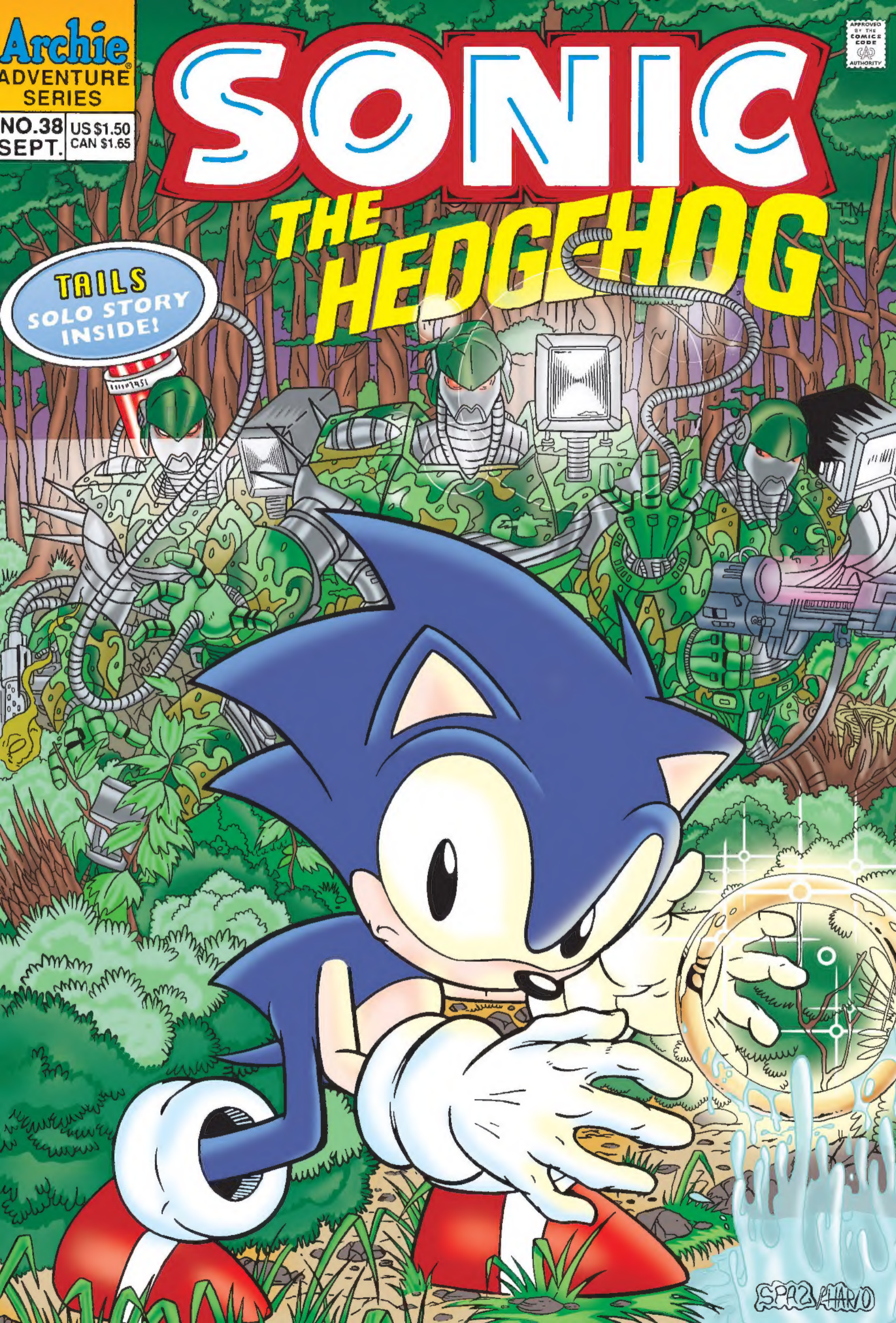
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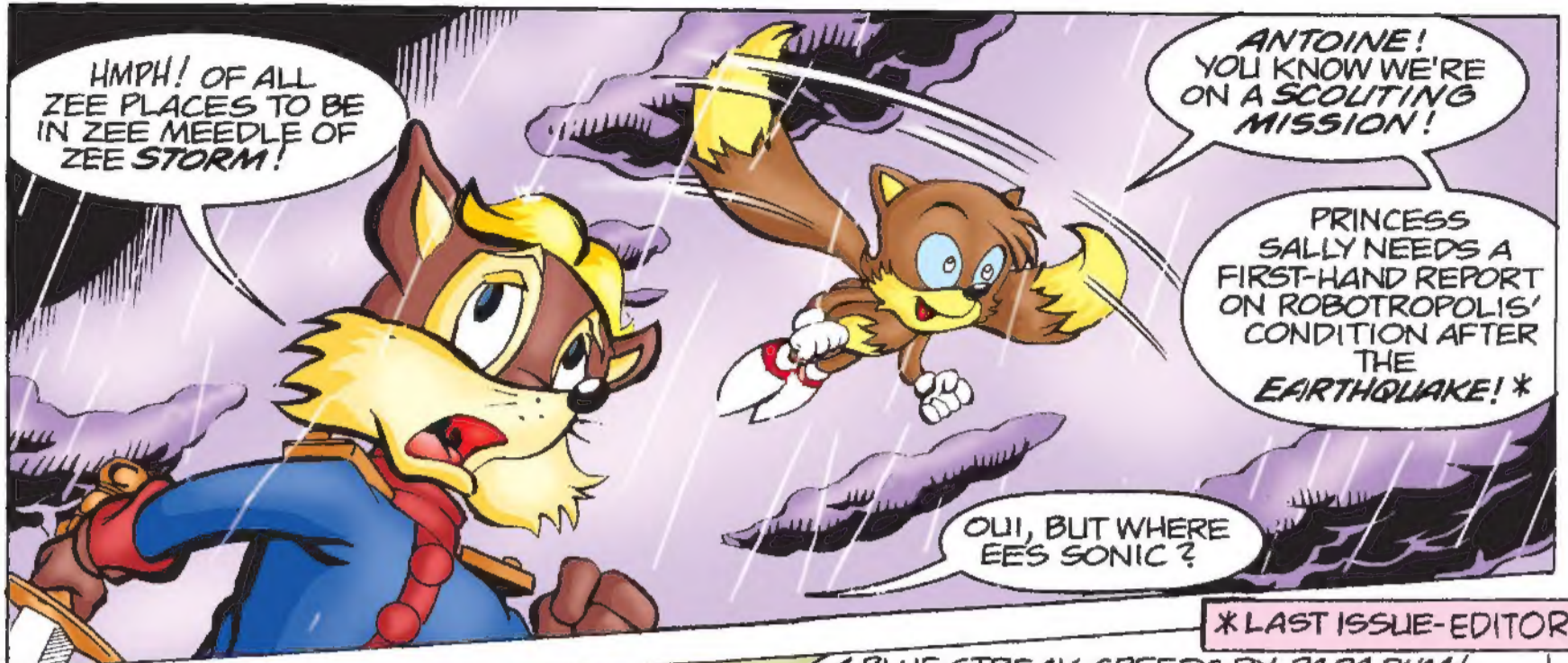
# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

**TAILS**  
SOLO STORY  
INSIDE!



SPAZ/HARO



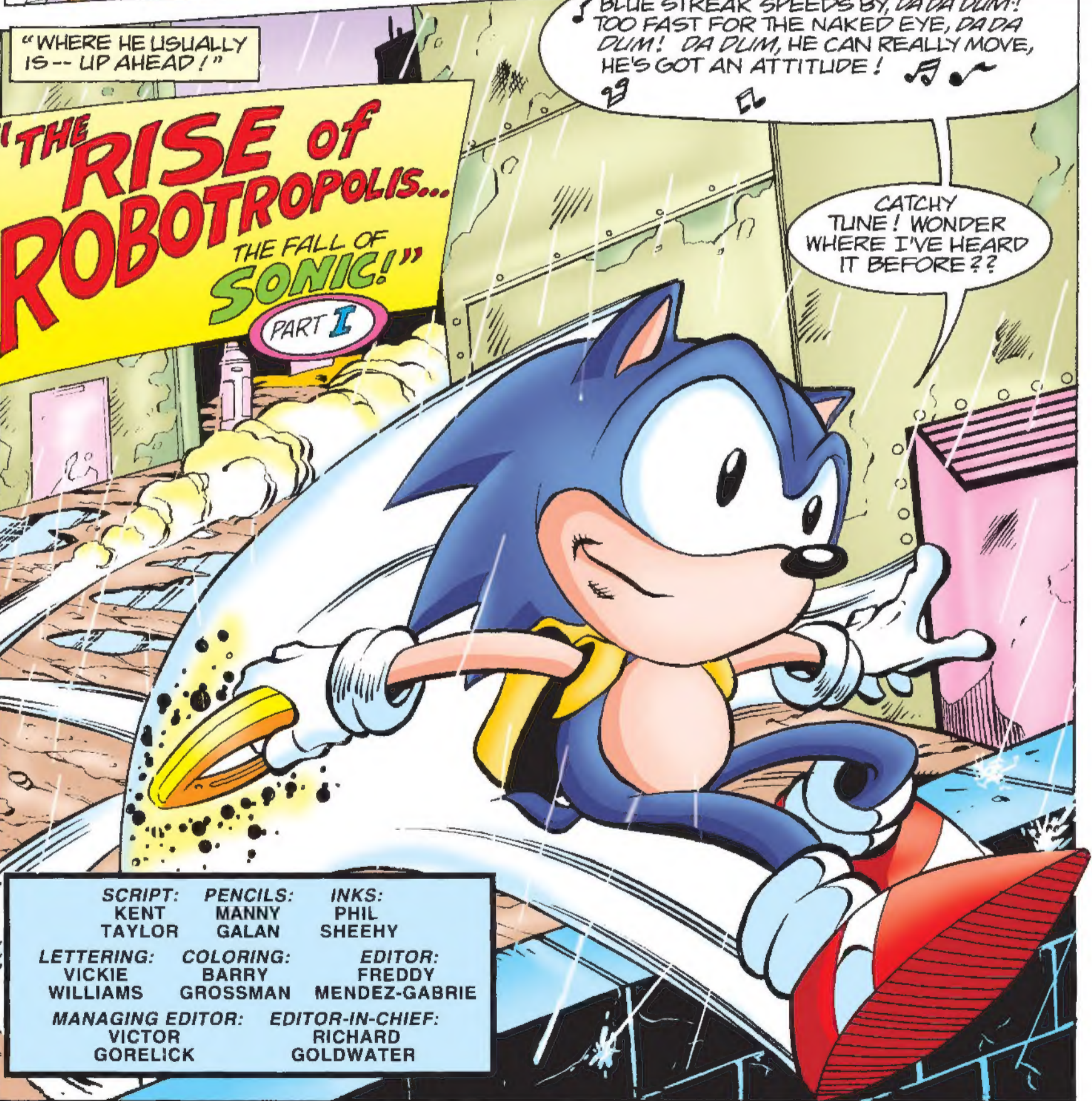
HMPH! OF ALL ZEE PLACES TO BE IN ZEE MEEDLE OF ZEE STORM!

ANTOINE! YOU KNOW WE'RE ON A SCOUTING MISSION!

PRINCESS SALLY NEEDS A FIRST-HAND REPORT ON ROBOTROPOLIS' CONDITION AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE! \*

OUI, BUT WHERE EES SONIC?

\* LAST ISSUE-EDITOR



"WHERE HE USUALLY IS -- UP AHEAD!"

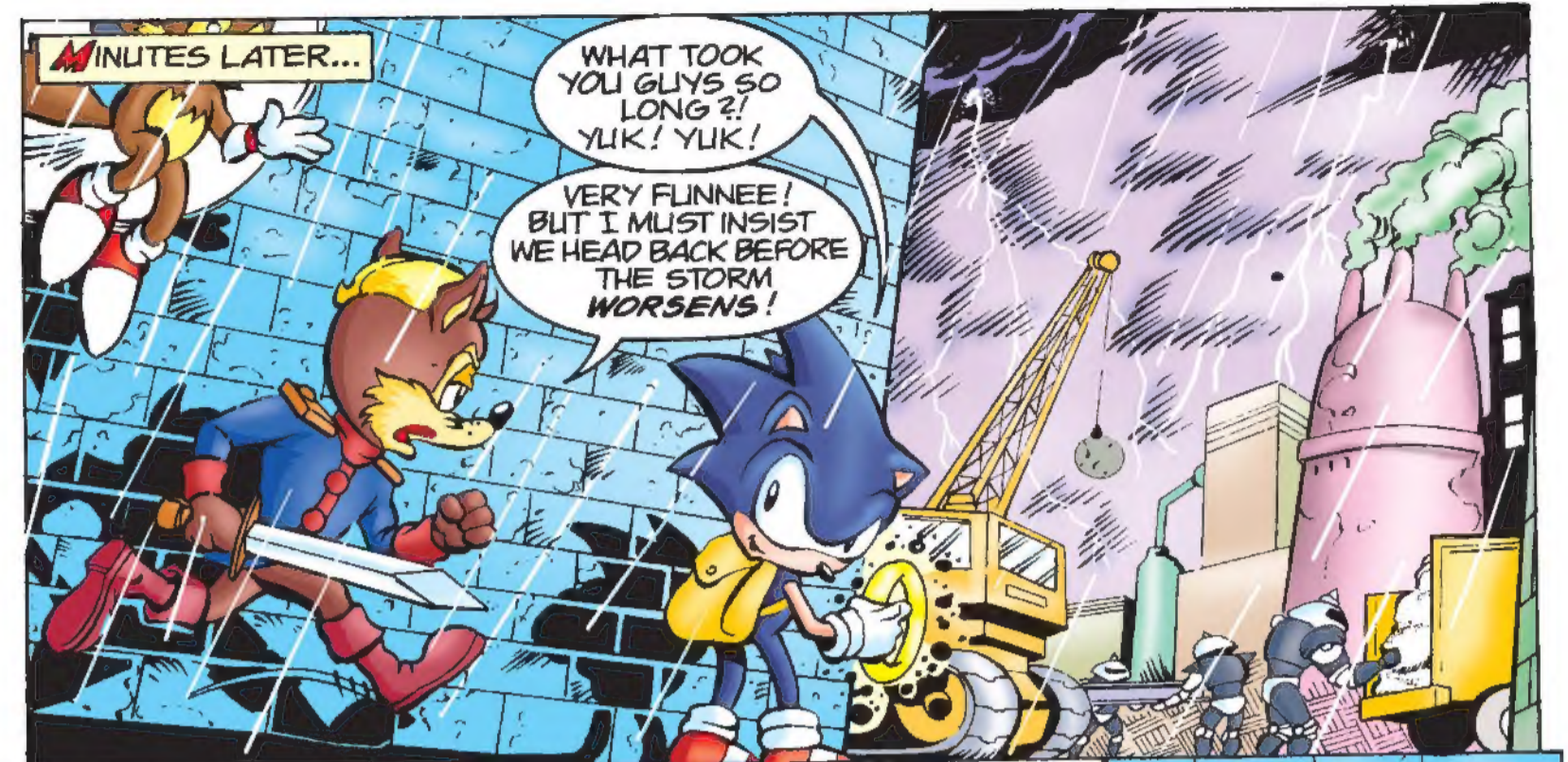
♪ BLUE STREAK SPEEDS BY, DA DA DUM! TOO FAST FOR THE NAKED EYE, DA DA DUM! DA DUM, HE CAN REALLY MOVE, HE'S GOT AN ATTITUDE! ♪

# "THE RISE OF ROBOTROPOLIS... THE FALL OF SONIC!"

PART I

CATCHY TUNE! WONDER WHERE I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE??

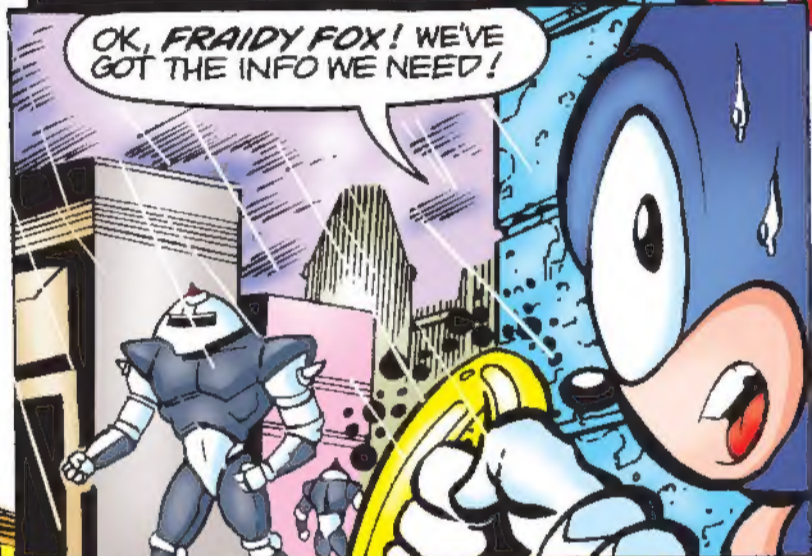
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MINUTES LATER...

WHAT TOOK YOU GUYS SO LONG?! YUK! YUK!

VERY FLINNEE! BUT I MUST INSIST WE HEAD BACK BEFORE THE STORM WORSENS!



OK, FRAIDY FOX! WE'VE GOT THE INFO WE NEED!



ZEE ONLY THEENG I AM AFRAID OF IS... ZAT EES NOT MY SHADOW!



FIRE IN THE HOLE!

WHERE EES THEES HOLE?

WAA-THOOOM!

IT'S GOING TO BE IN YOUR HEAD IF YOU DON'T MOVE!

COMBOTS?! I THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL DESTROYED!

TAILS--  
MANELVER  
S-461!

ONE ATOMIC  
DROP COMIN'  
UP-- ER--  
DOWN!

WAIT! I  
DO NOT LIKE  
THEES...

ZAP!

KLANG!

ZAP!

ZAP!

PRIORITY-TWO  
NEUTRALIZE SON-BZZT!

OUCHE  
...MANELVER!

WAY TO GO,  
BIG GUY!

WHUMP!

BONK!

BONK!

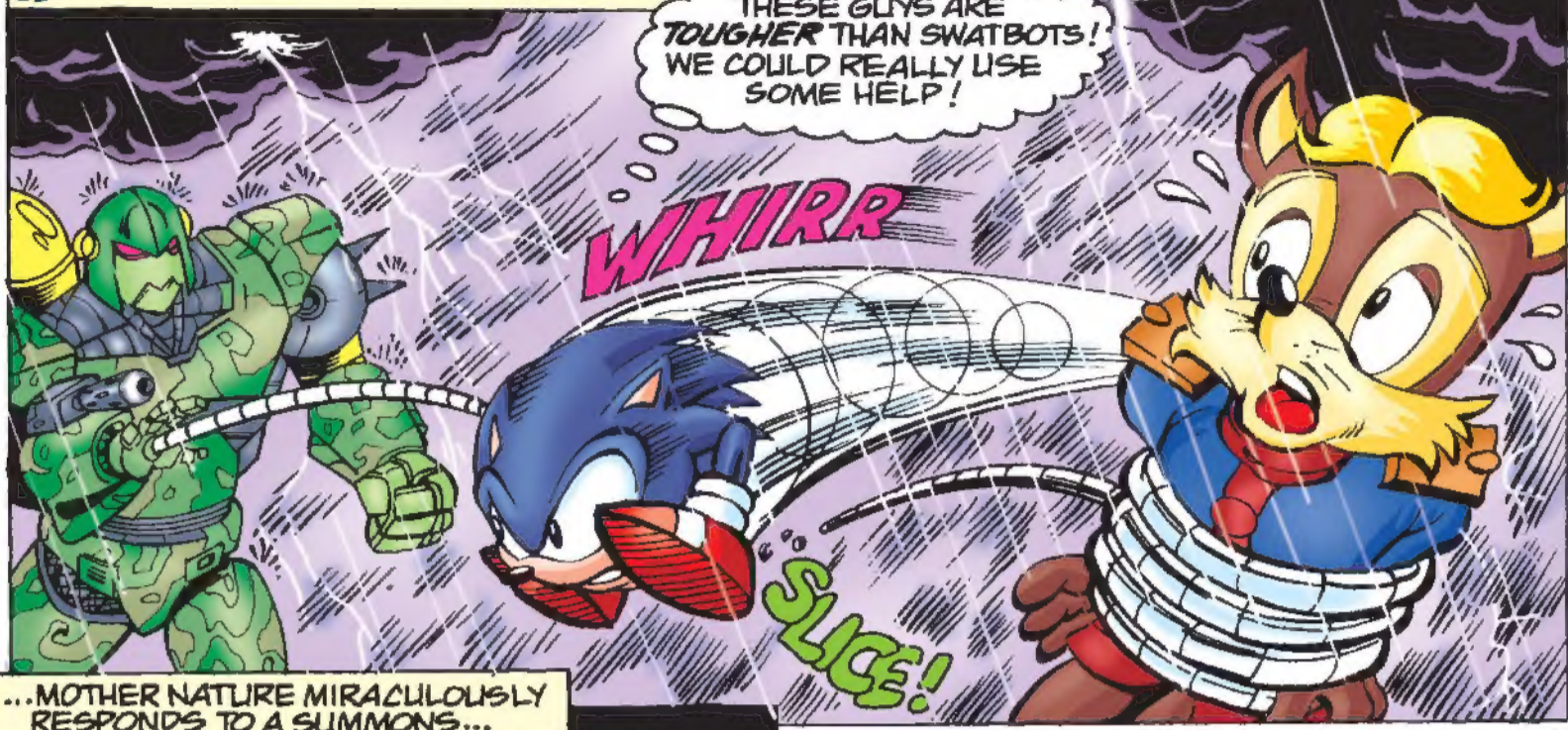
NOW FOR  
MY PART--DROP  
KICK TO THE  
CHEST!

--AND HIS  
PARTNER DOES  
THE REST!

WAA-BLOOM!

AS THE STORM AND BATTLE RAGE ON...

THESE GLYS ARE TOUGHER THAN SWATBOTS! WE COULD REALLY USE SOME HELP!



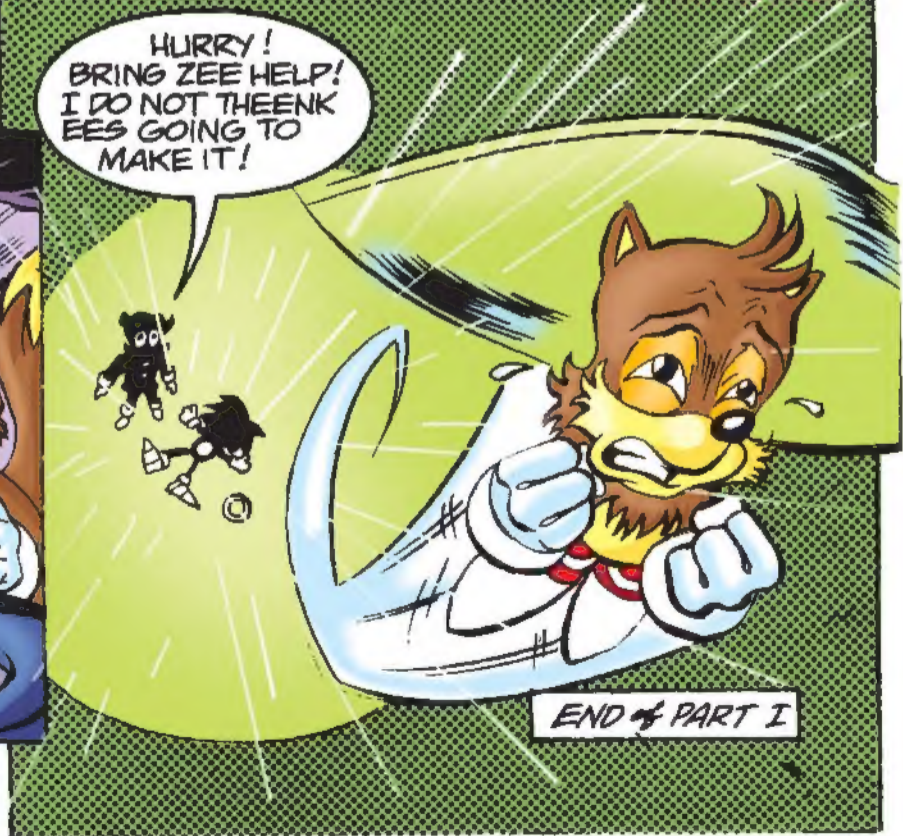
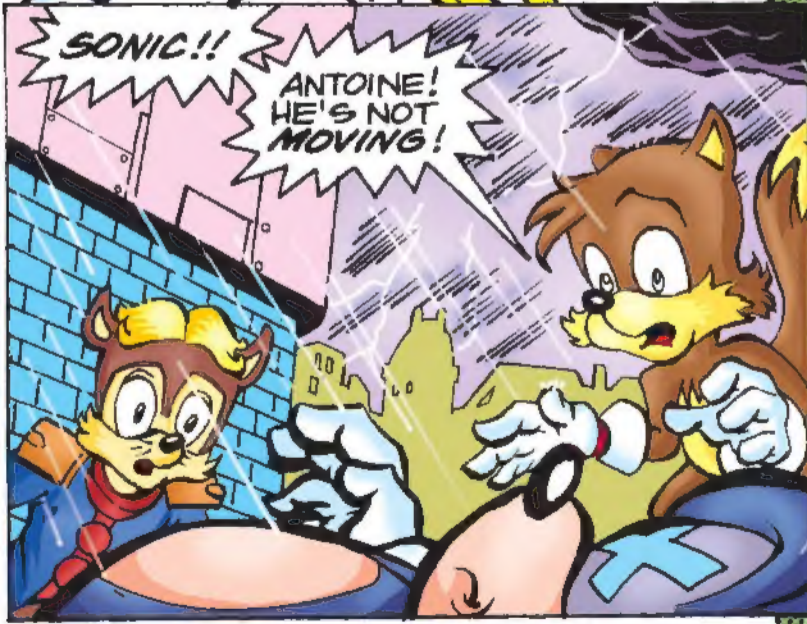
...MOTHER NATURE MIRACULOUSLY RESPONDS TO A SUMMONS...



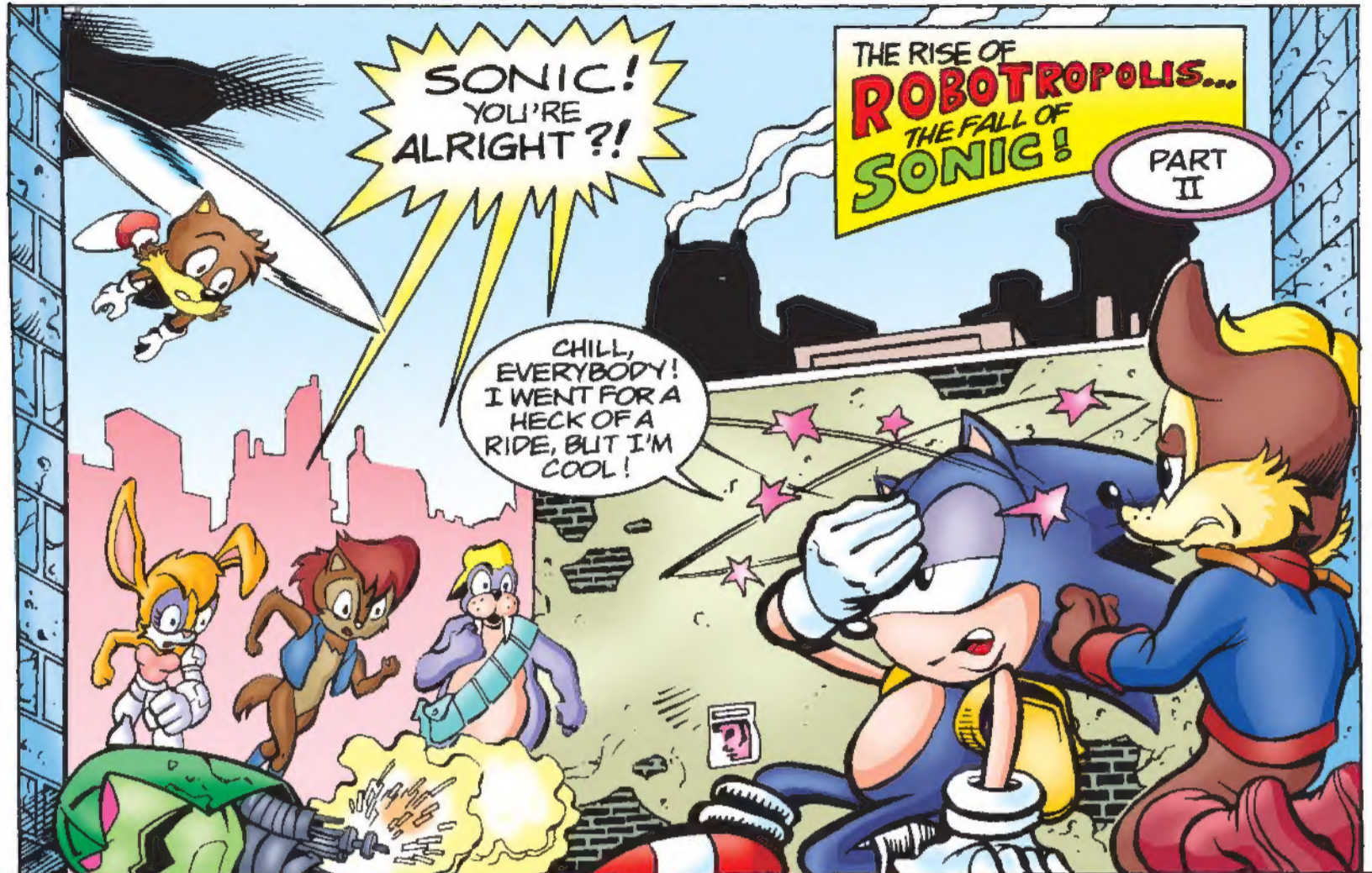
...BUT WHOSE SIDE IS SHE REALLY ON?!



WHOA! I'VE NEVER SEEN A BOT EXPLODE LIKE THAT BEFORE!



END of PART I



SONIC!  
YOU'RE  
ALRIGHT ?!

THE RISE OF  
**ROBOTROPOLIS...**  
THE FALL OF  
**SONIC!**

PART  
II

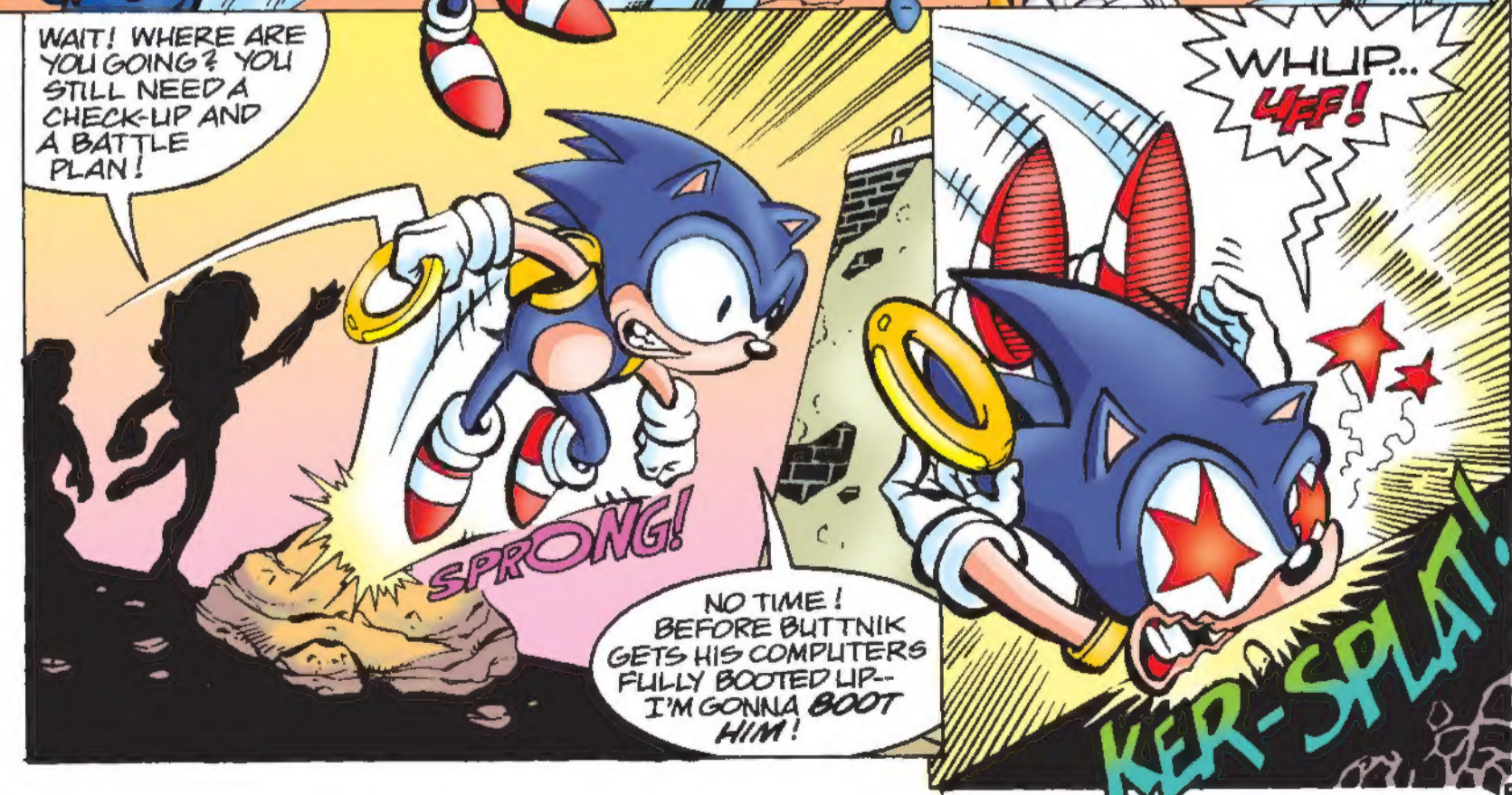
CHILL,  
EVERYBODY!  
I WENT FOR A  
HECK OF A  
RIDE, BUT I'M  
COOL!



...BUT  
**ROBO-SLOB'S**  
NOT GOING TO  
BE! HE AND HIS  
COMBOTS ARE BACK  
IN ACTION!

OUR SPY NETWORK  
REPORTED WHAT THEY  
COULD...

TAILS  
FILLED US  
IN ON THE  
REST!



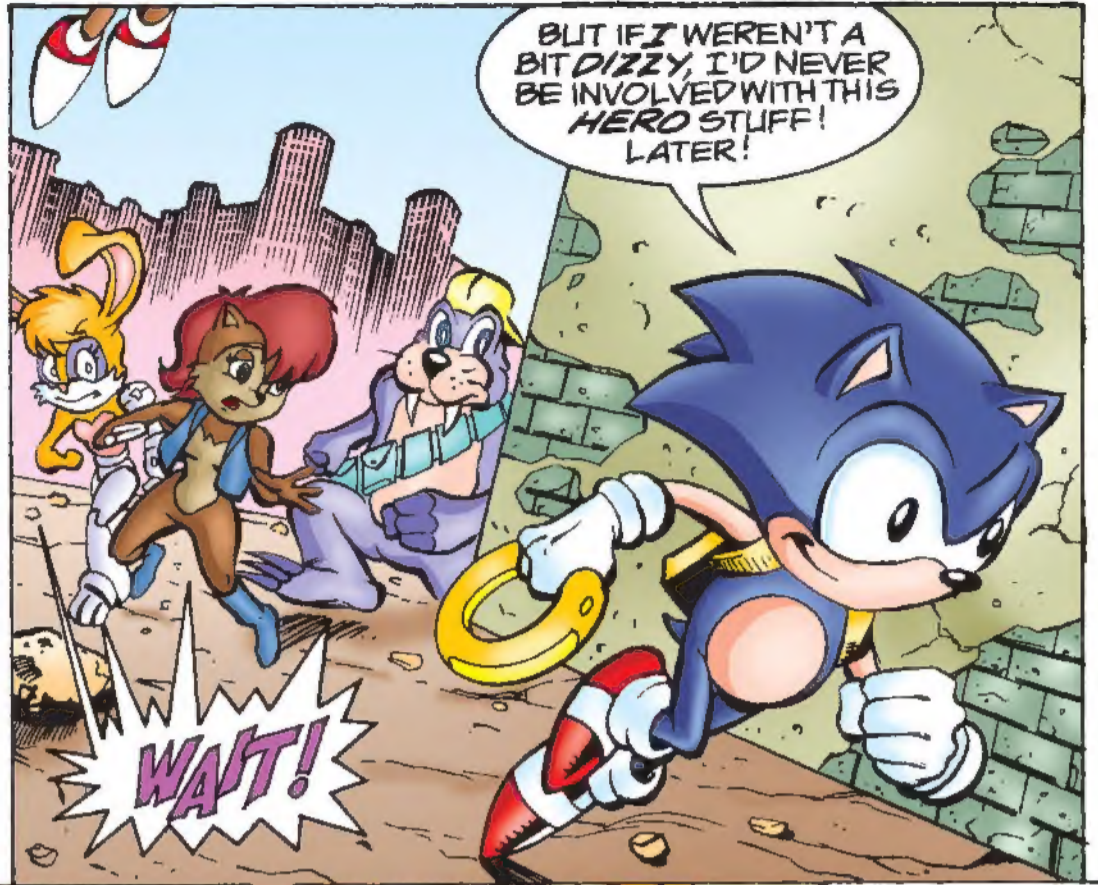
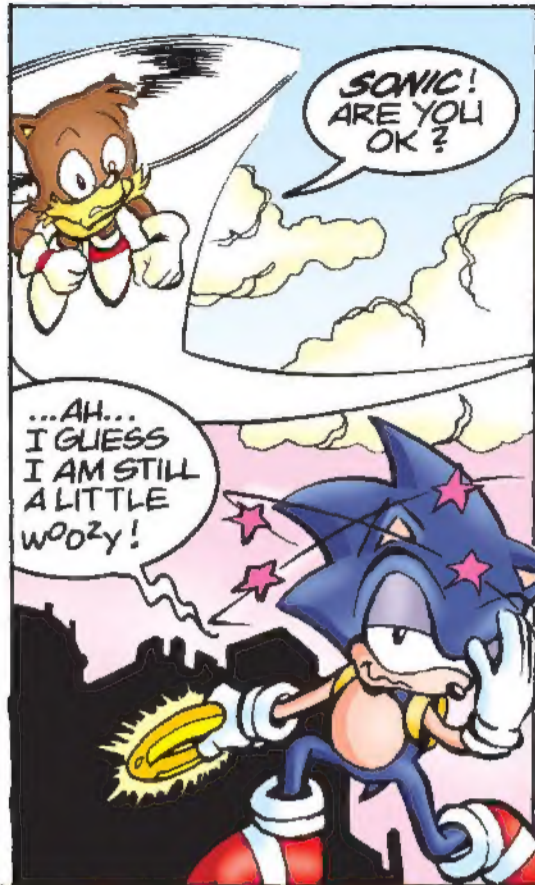
WAIT! WHERE ARE  
YOU GOING? YOU  
STILL NEED A  
CHECK-UP AND  
A BATTLE  
PLAN!

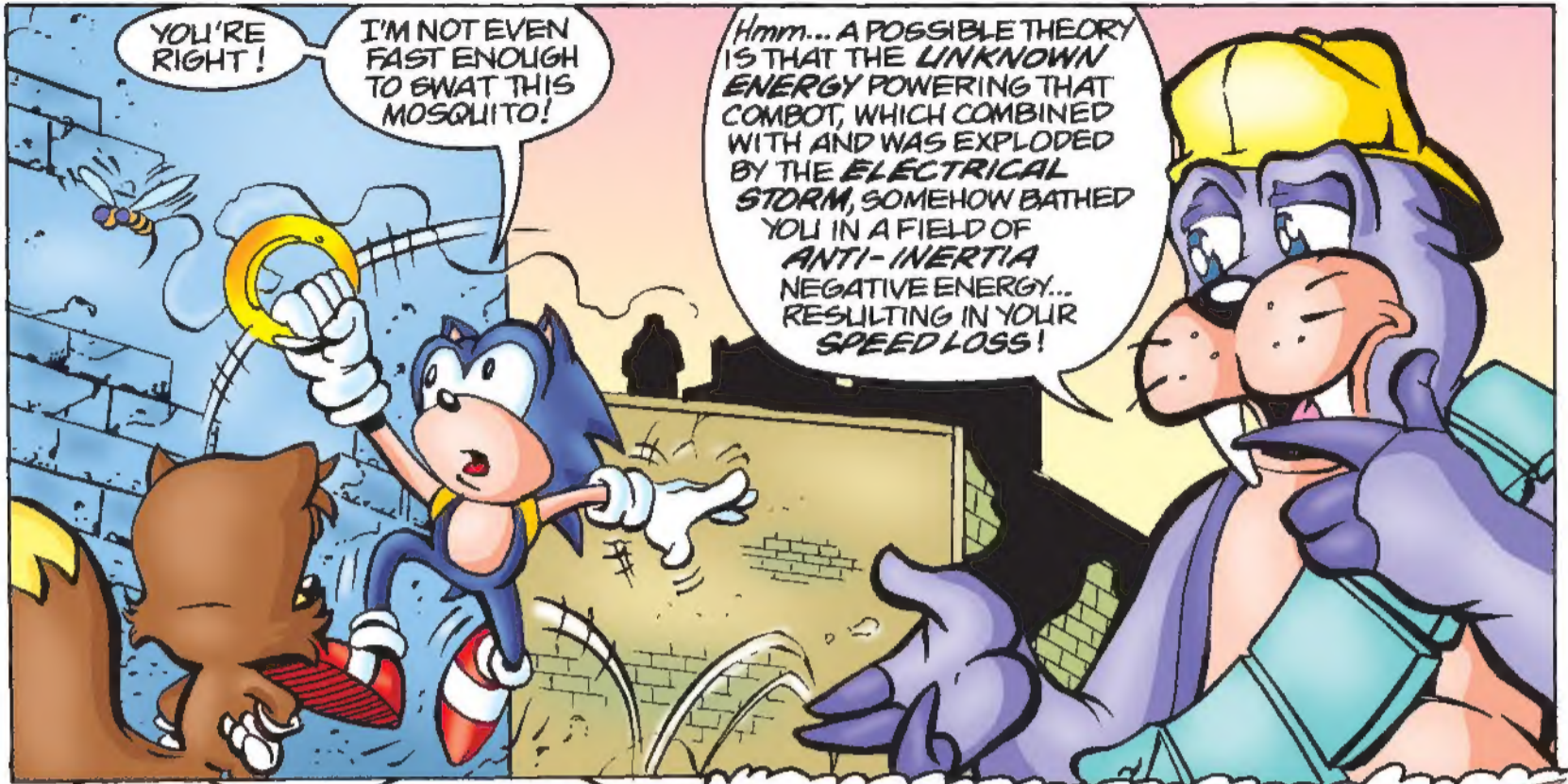
SPRONG!

NO TIME!  
BEFORE BUTTNIK  
GETS HIS COMPUTERS  
FULLY BOOTED UP--  
I'M GONNA BOOT  
HIM!

WHIP...  
WHIP!

KER-SPLAT!

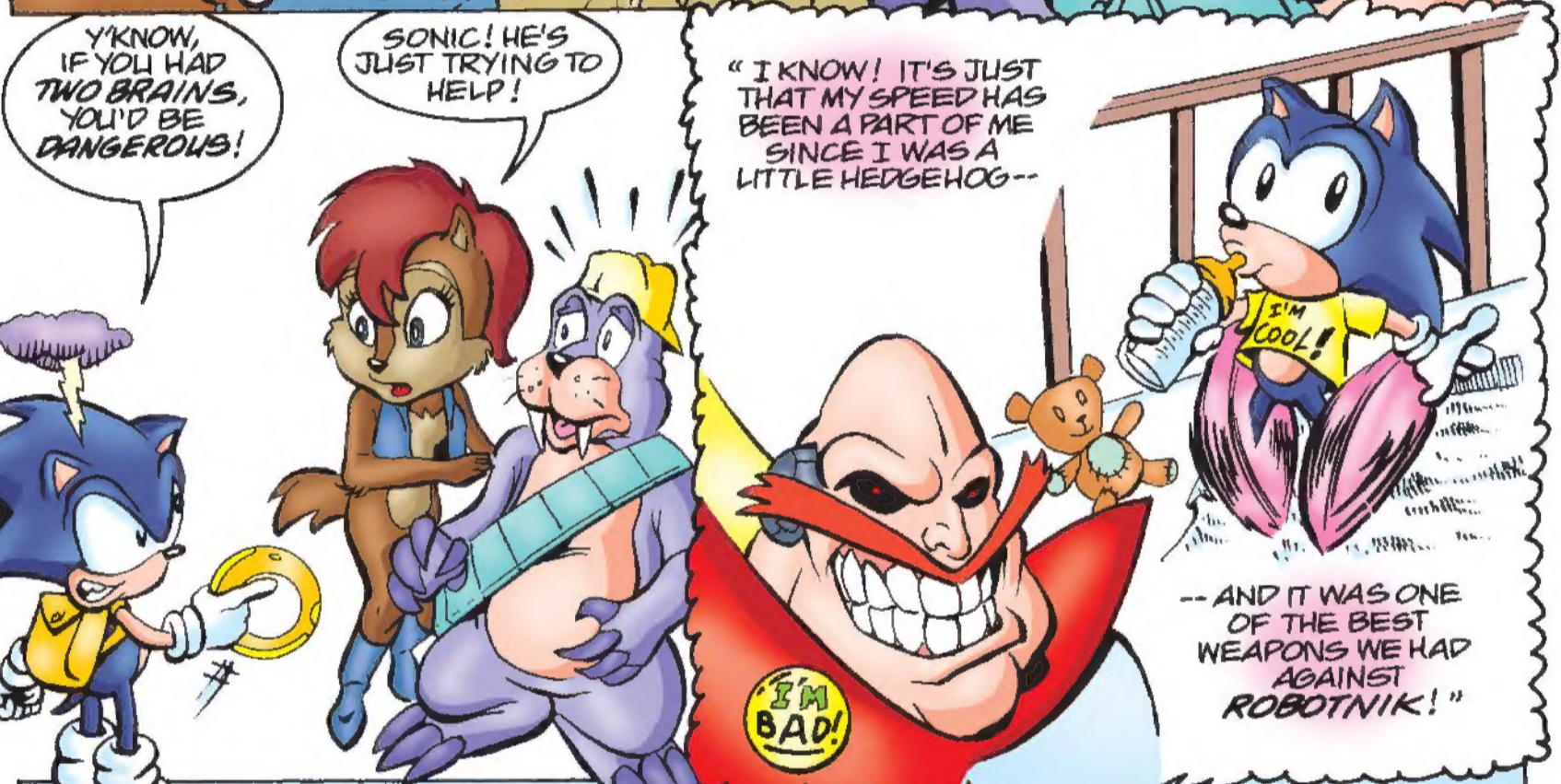




YOU'RE RIGHT!

I'M NOT EVEN FAST ENOUGH TO SWAT THIS MOSQUITO!

Hmm... A POSSIBLE THEORY IS THAT THE **LINKDOWN ENERGY** POWERING THAT COMBOT, WHICH COMBINED WITH AND WAS EXPLODED BY THE **ELECTRICAL STORM**, SOMEHOW BATHED YOU IN A FIELD OF **ANTI-INERTIA NEGATIVE ENERGY...** RESULTING IN YOUR **SPEED LOSS!**

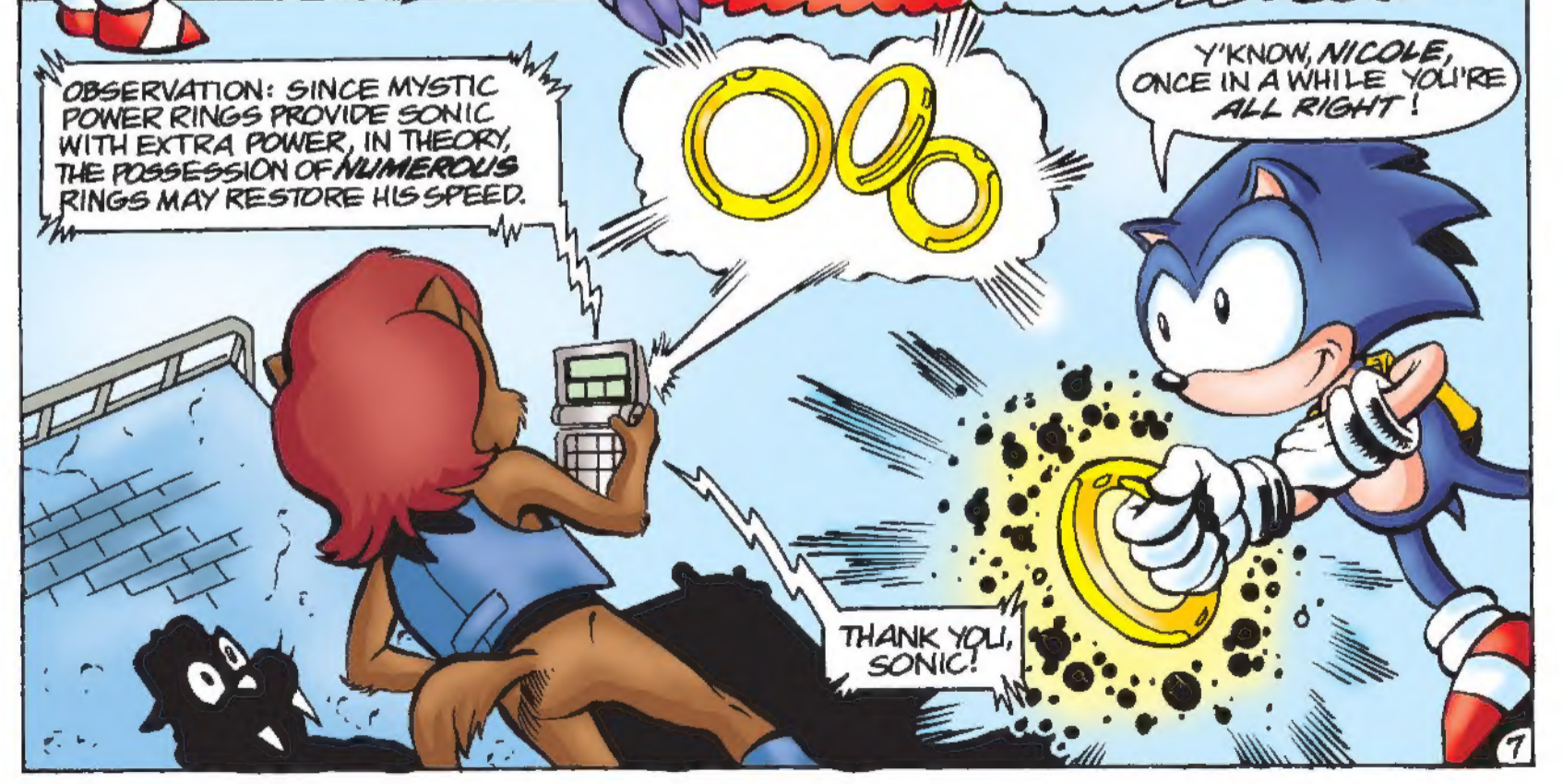


Y'KNOW, IF YOU HAD **TWO BRAINS**, YOU'D BE **DANGEROUS!**

SONIC! HE'S JUST TRYING TO HELP!

"I KNOW! IT'S JUST THAT MY SPEED HAS BEEN A PART OF ME SINCE I WAS A LITTLE HEDGEHOG--"

-- AND IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST WEAPONS WE HAD AGAINST **ROBOTNIK!**"

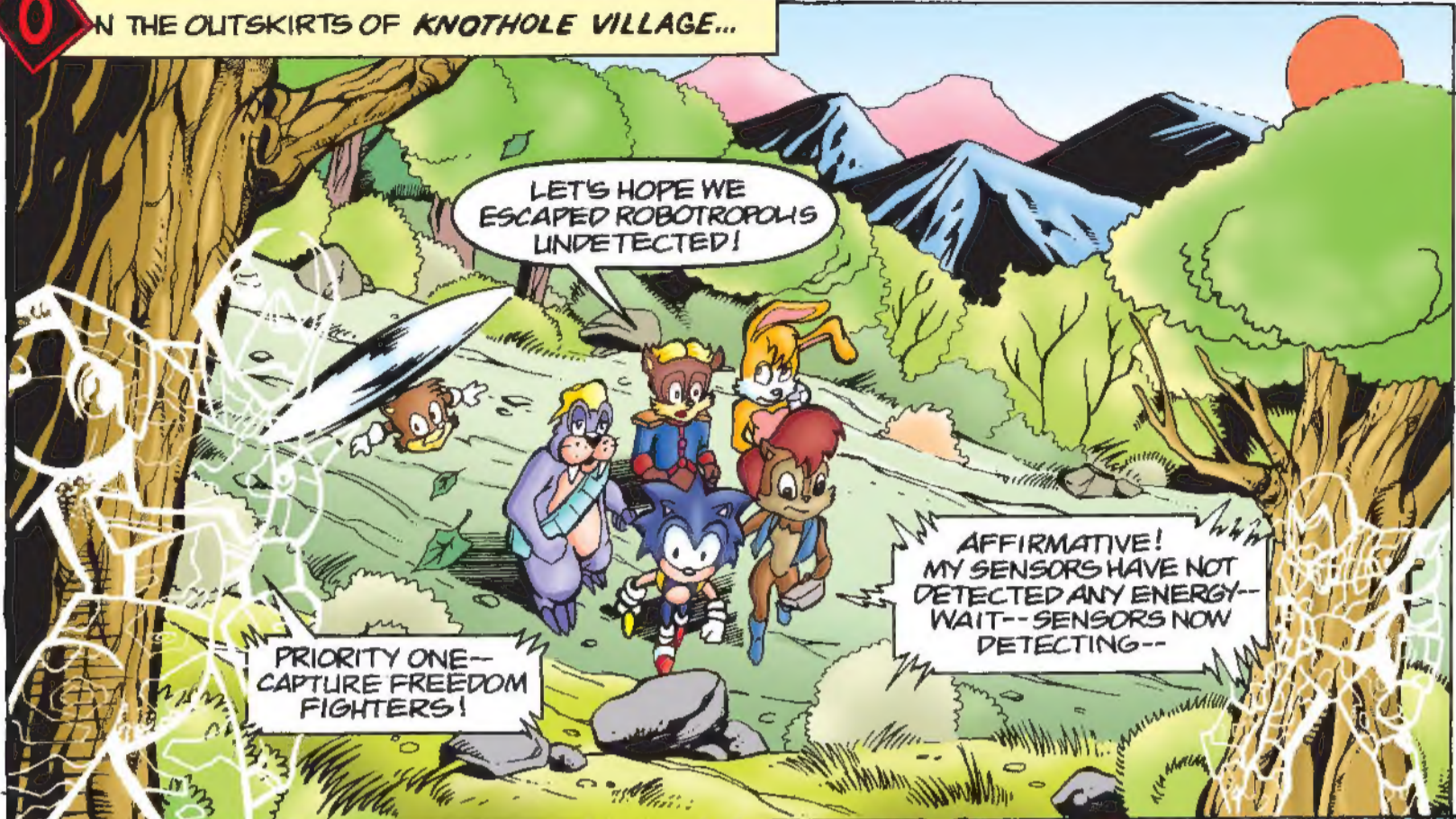


**OBSERVATION:** SINCE MYSTIC POWER RINGS PROVIDE SONIC WITH EXTRA POWER, IN THEORY, THE POSSESSION OF **NUMEROUS RINGS** MAY RESTORE HIS SPEED.

Y'KNOW, NICOLE, ONCE IN A WHILE YOU'RE **ALL RIGHT!**

THANK YOU, SONIC!





LET'S HOPE WE ESCAPED ROBOTROPOLIS UNDETECTED!

PRIORITY ONE-- CAPTURE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

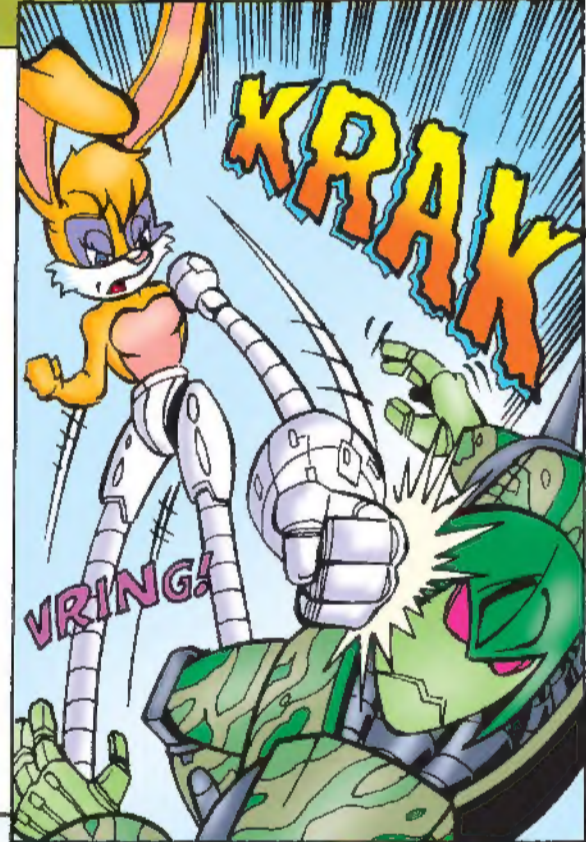
AFFIRMATIVE! MY SENSORS HAVE NOT DETECTED ANY ENERGY-- WAIT-- SENSORS NOW DETECTING--



COMBOTS! THEY HAVE SOME SORT OF CLOAKING ABILITY!

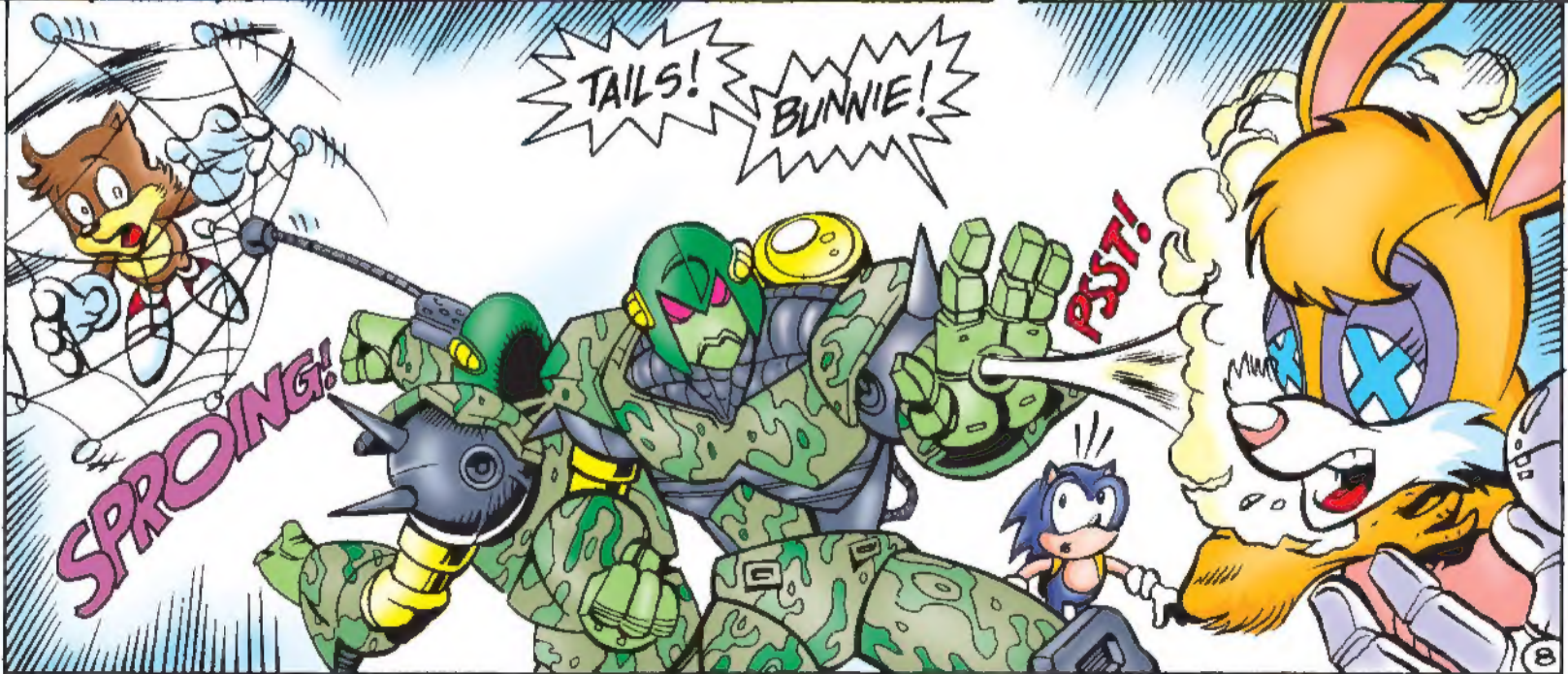
GLOOF!

IT'S AN AMBLUSH! "GLUE" MAN!



KRAK

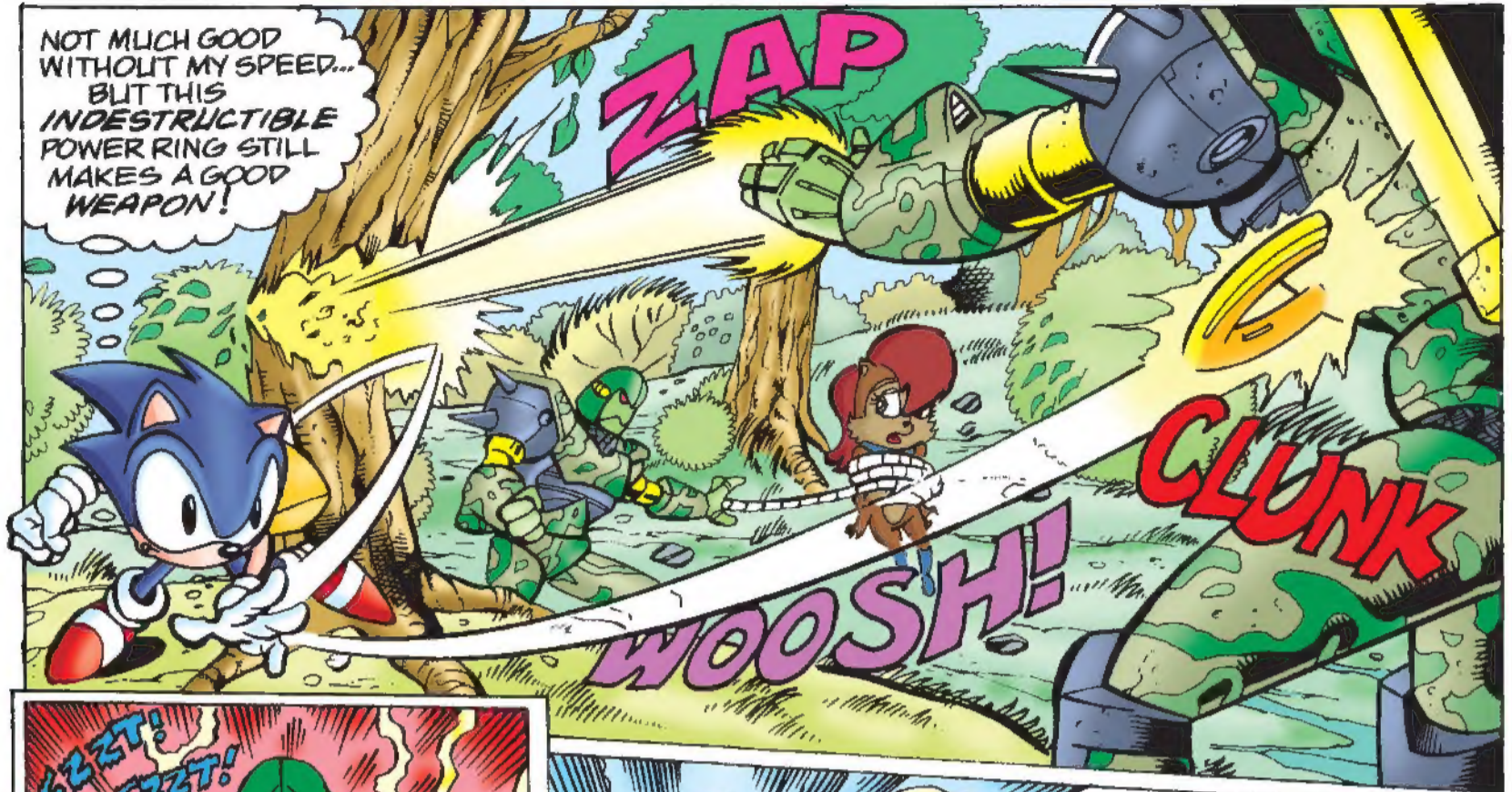
VRING!



TAILS! BUNNIE!

SPRONG!

PST!



NOT MUCH GOOD WITHOUT MY SPEED... BUT THIS INDESTRUCTIBLE POWER RING STILL MAKES A GOOD WEAPON!

ZAP

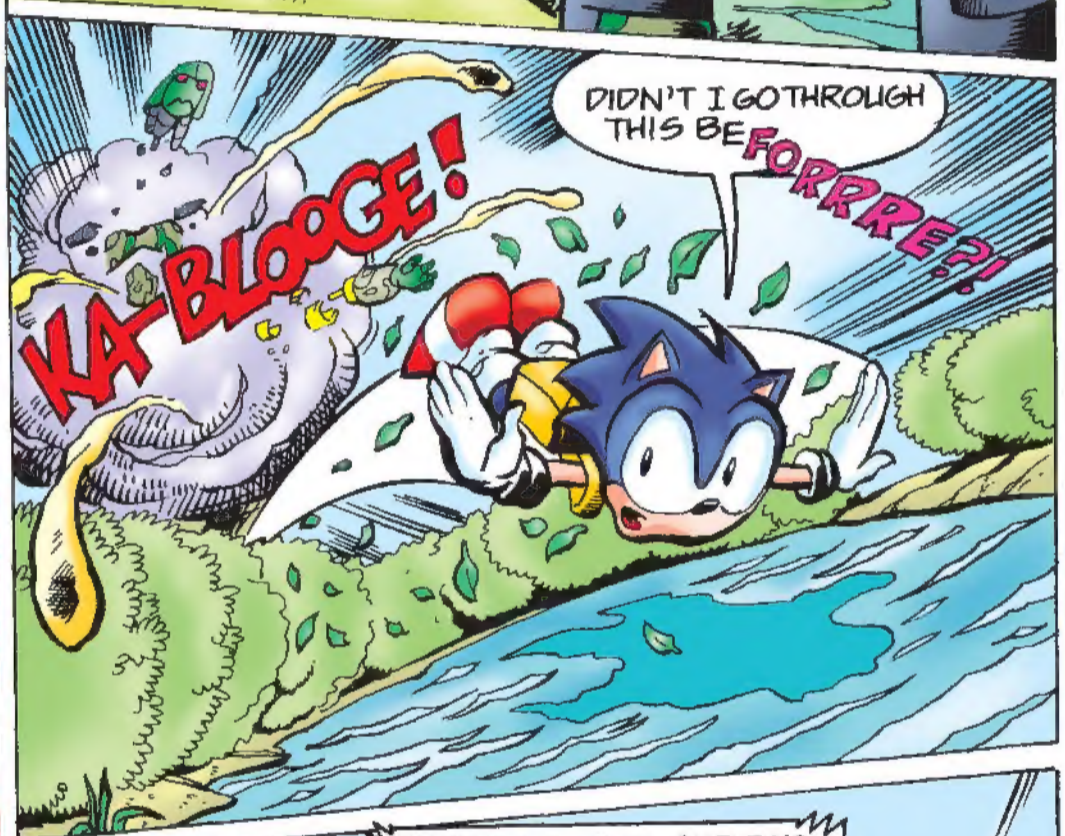
WOOSH!

CLUNK



UH-OH --IT'S GONNA BLOW!

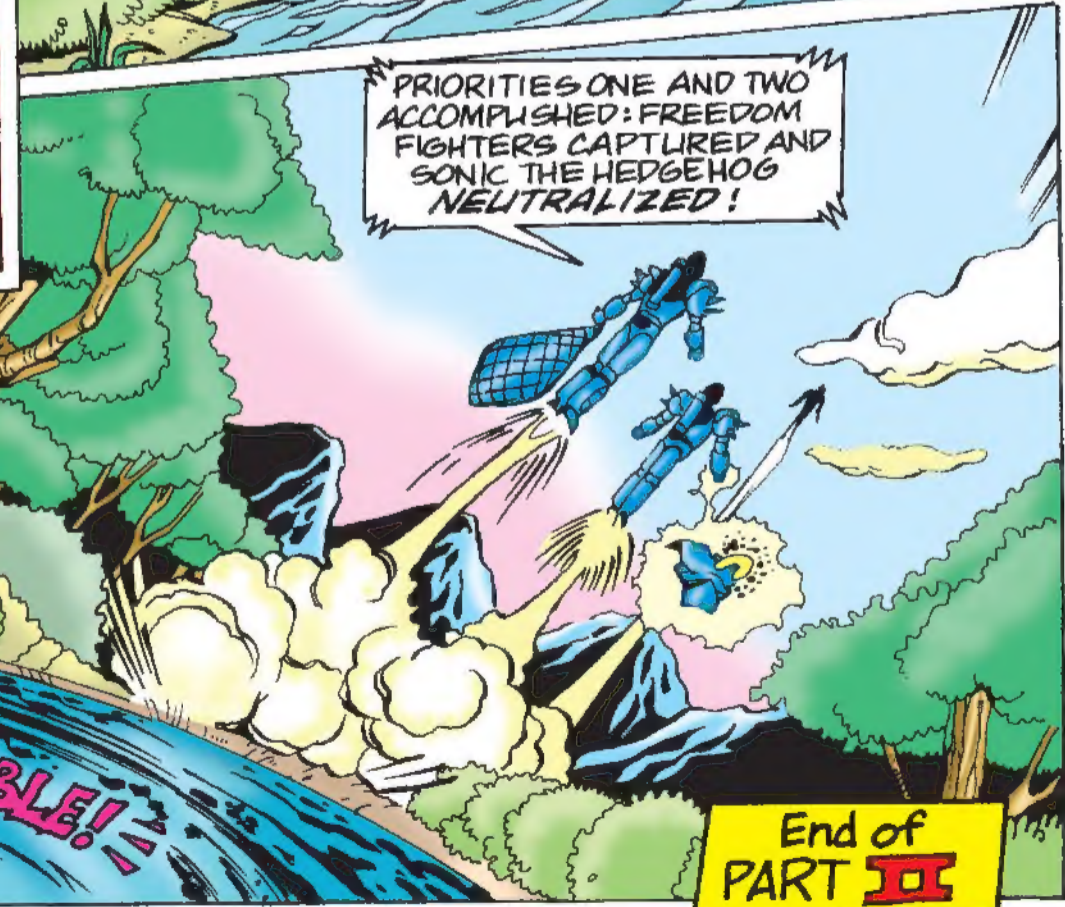
FZZT!  
FZZT!



DIDN'T I GO THROUGH THIS BEFORE?!

KA-BLOOE!

FORRE?!

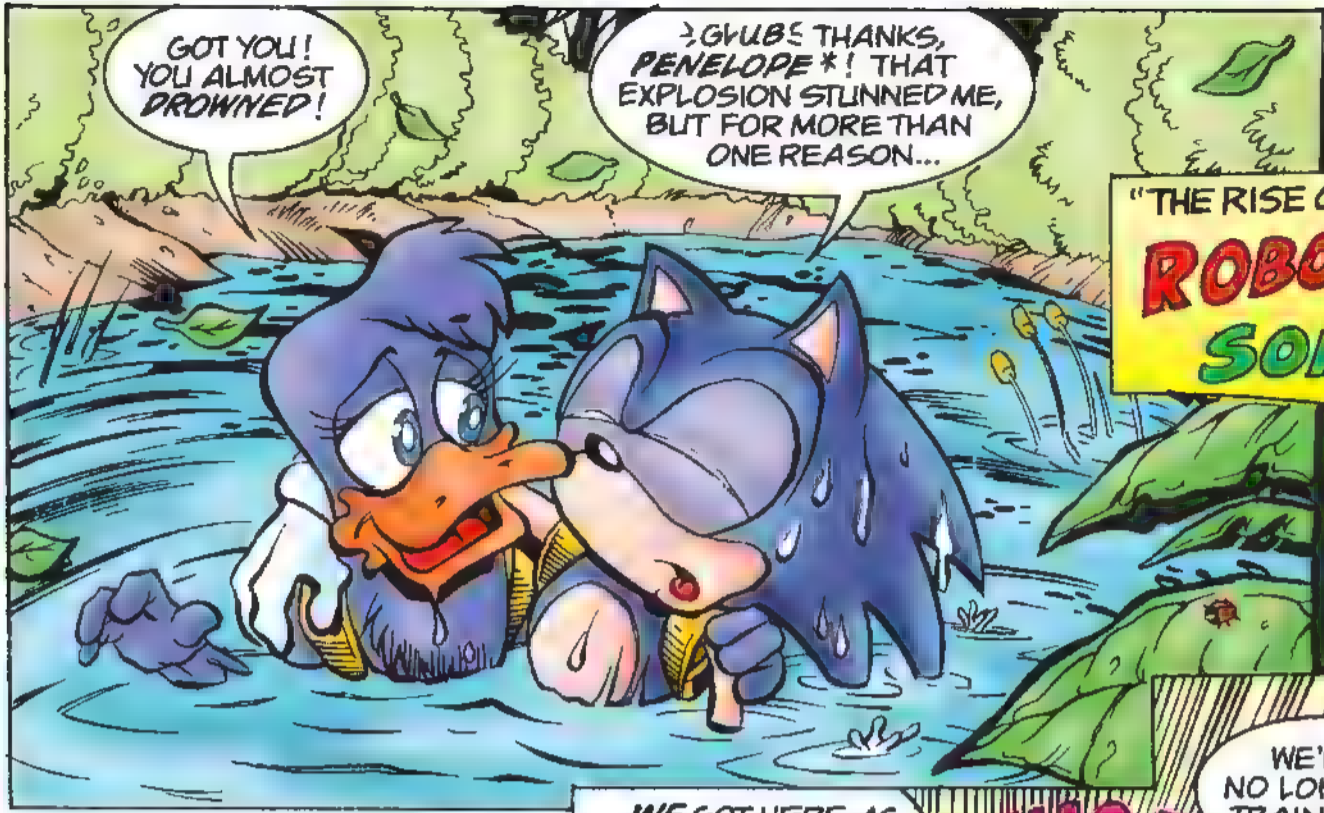


PRIORITIES ONE AND TWO ACCOMPLISHED: FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAPTURED AND SONIC THE HEDGEHOG NEUTRALIZED!

Gloop!

BUBBLE!

End of PART II

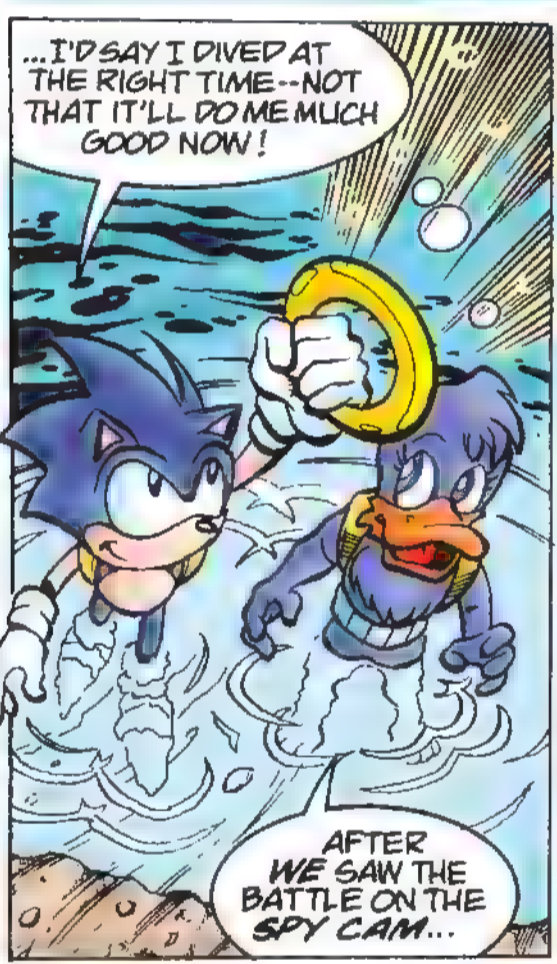


GOT YOU!  
YOU ALMOST  
DROWNED!

OHUBS THANKS,  
PENELOPE\*! THAT  
EXPLOSION STUNNED ME,  
BUT FOR MORE THAN  
ONE REASON...

"THE RISE OF  
**ROBOTROPOLIS...**  
THE FALL OF  
**SONIC!**"

PART  
III



...I'D SAY I DIVED AT  
THE RIGHT TIME--NOT  
THAT IT'LL DO ME MUCH  
GOOD NOW!

AFTER  
WE SAW THE  
BATTLE ON THE  
SPY CAM...



...WE GOT HERE AS  
FAST AS WE  
COULD!

**WHOA!**  
SALLY'S  
TRAINEES!\*

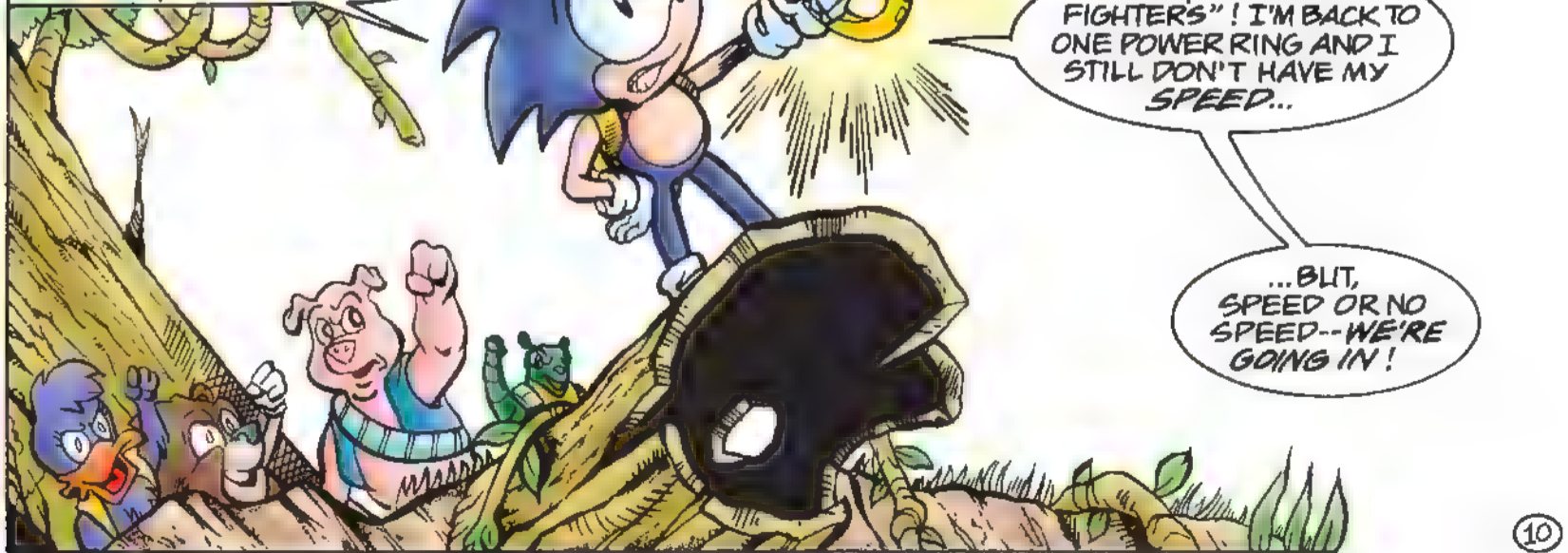
WE'RE  
NO LONGER  
TRAINEES...

...AND  
WE'RE  
HERE TO  
HELP!

...AND  
WE WON'T  
REST 'TIL  
EVERYONE'S  
RESCUED!

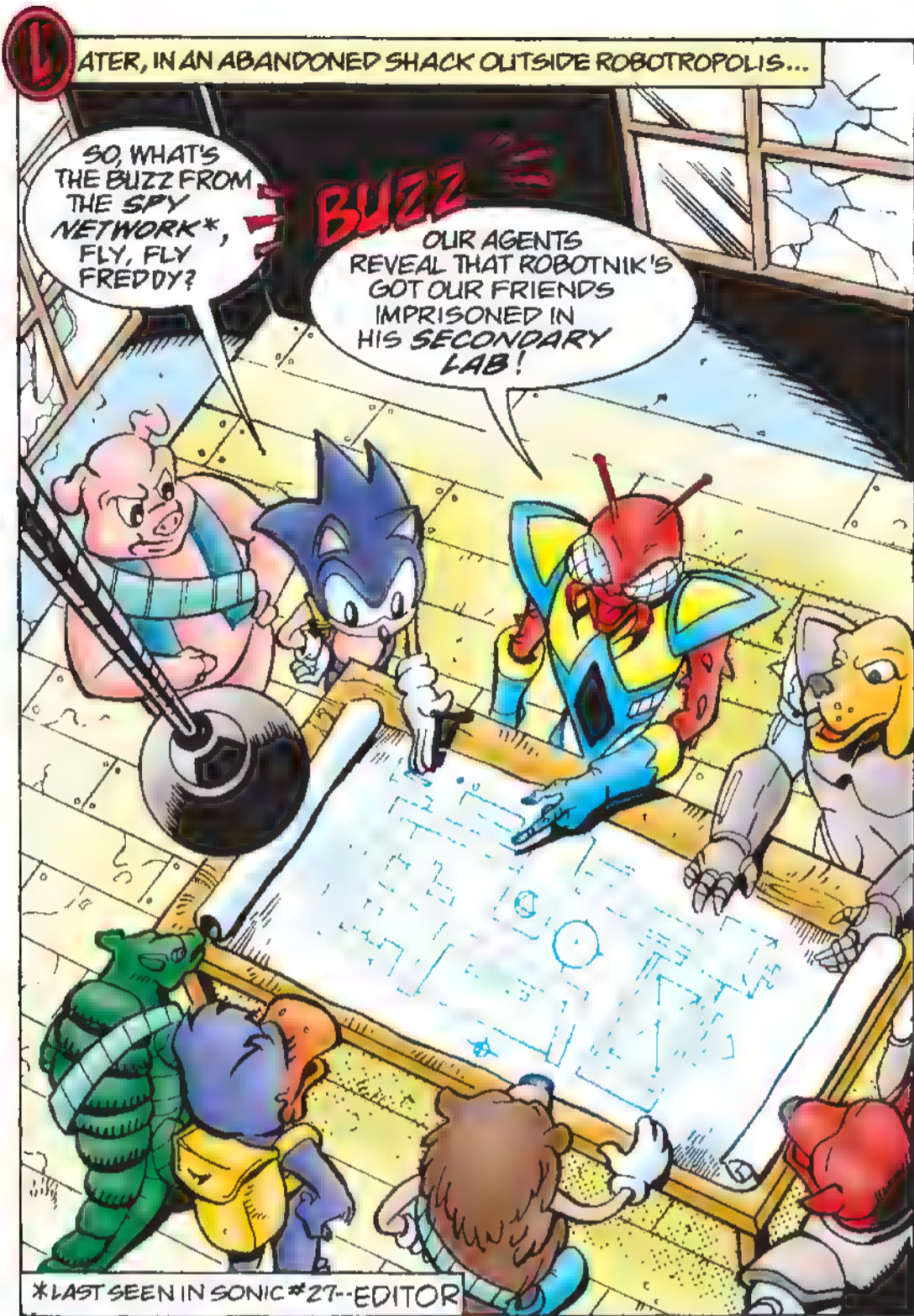
\* REMEMBER THEM FROM THE PRINCESS  
SALLY MINI-SERIES? -- EDITOR

NOW THAT THE LEGENDARY LAKE  
OF RINGS HAS BEEN FOUND, UH,  
ACCIDENTALLY, WE CAN GO TO  
STEP TWO!



O.K. "FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS"! I'M BACK TO  
ONE POWER RING AND I  
STILL DON'T HAVE MY  
SPEED...

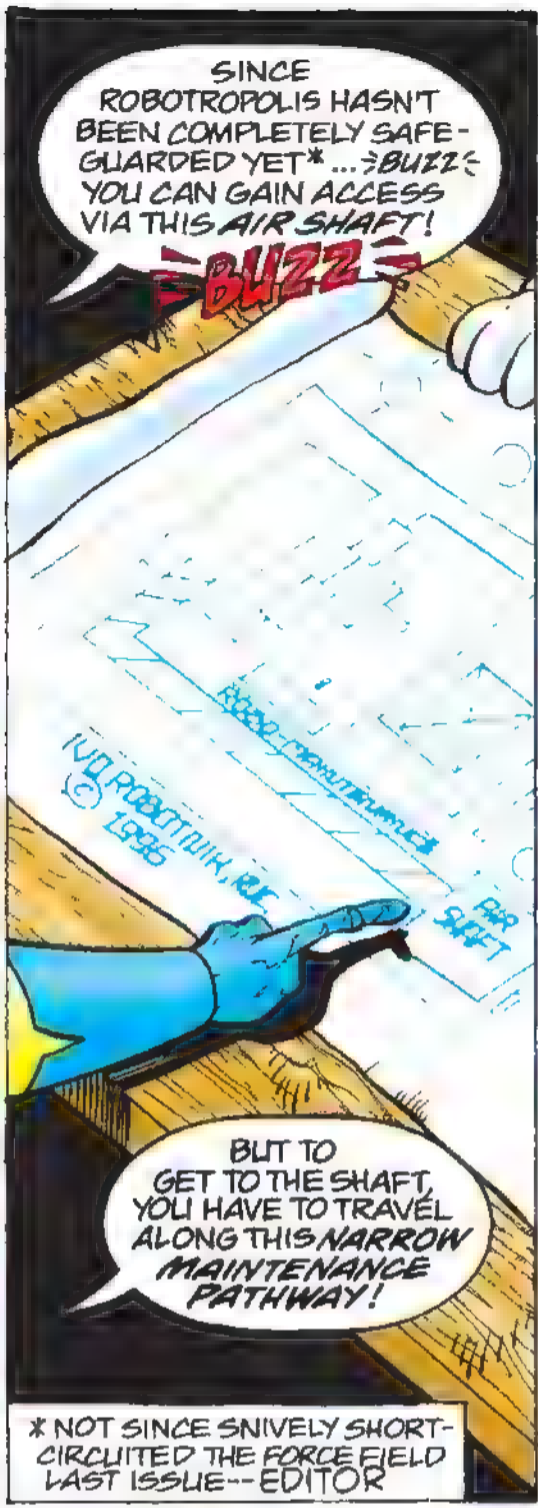
...BUT,  
SPEED OR NO  
SPEED--WE'RE  
GOING IN!



LATER, IN AN ABANDONED SHACK OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS...

SO, WHAT'S THE BUZZ FROM THE SPY NETWORK\*, FLY, FLY FREDDY?

**BUZZ**  
OUR AGENTS REVEAL THAT ROBOTNIK'S GOT OUR FRIENDS IMPRISONED IN HIS SECONDARY LAB!



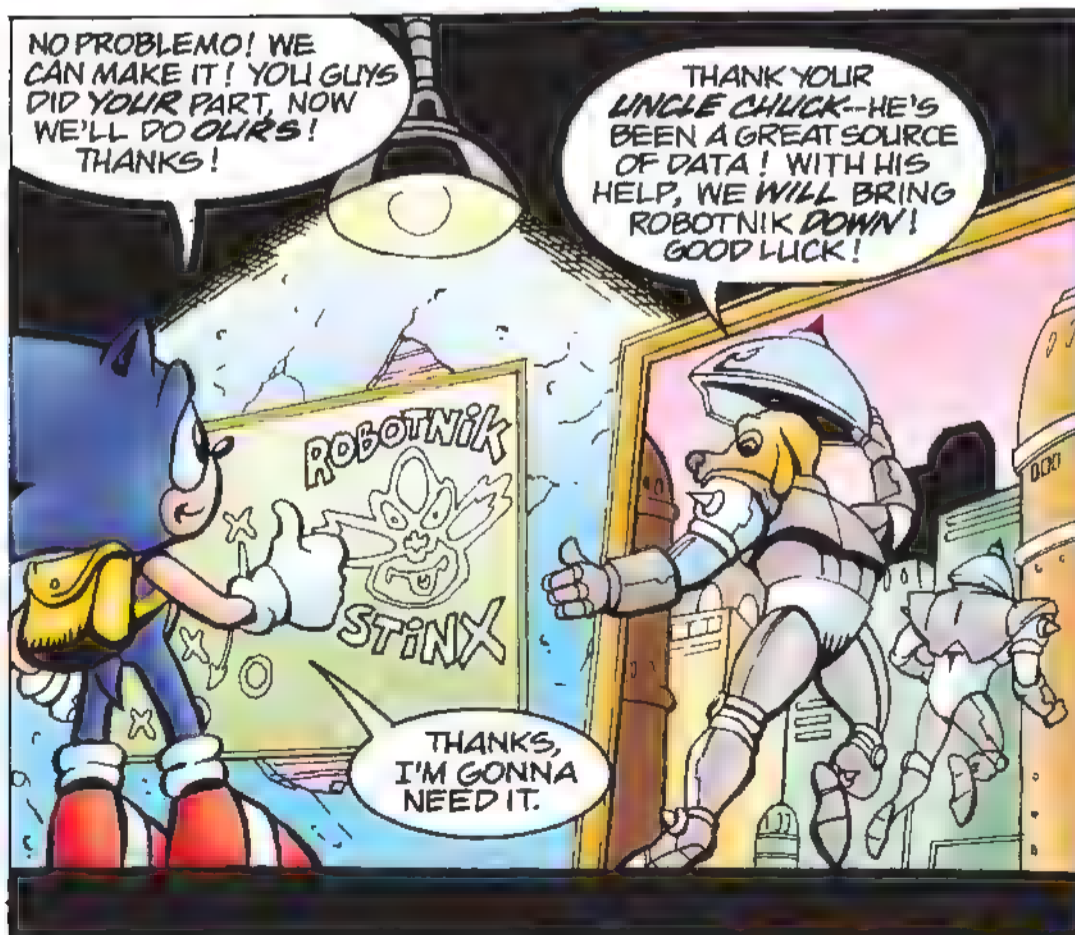
SINCE ROBOTROPOLIS HASN'T BEEN COMPLETELY SAFE-GUARDED YET\*... BUZZ YOU CAN GAIN ACCESS VIA THIS AIR SHAFT!

**BUZZ**

BUT TO GET TO THE SHAFT, YOU HAVE TO TRAVEL ALONG THIS NARROW MAINTENANCE PATHWAY!

\* NOT SINCE SNIVELY SHORT-CIRCUITED THE FORCE FIELD LAST ISSUE--EDITOR

\*LAST SEEN IN SONIC #27--EDITOR



NO PROBLEMO! WE CAN MAKE IT! YOU GUYS DID YOUR PART, NOW WE'LL DO OURS! THANKS!

THANK YOUR UNCLE CHUCK--HE'S BEEN A GREAT SOURCE OF DATA! WITH HIS HELP, WE WILL BRING ROBOTNIK DOWN! GOOD LUCK!

THANKS, I'M GONNA NEED IT.



Y'KNOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME WITHOUT SONIC SPEED... I'M WORRIED!

**A**

AS OUR HEROES TRAVEL THE PATHWAY...

TAKE IT SLOW! ONE WRONG STEP AND IT'S A SIXTY-FOOT DROP!

"TAKE IT SLOW!" WHO'S HE KIDDING? WHEN I HAD MY SPEED, THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A CAKEWALK!

WHOA, NELLIE!

CREAK!

**GOTCHA!**

AFTER ALL, SINCE PORCUPINES AND HEDGEHOGS ARE RELATED, I WOULDN'T WANT TO LOSE A "FAMILY MEMBER"!

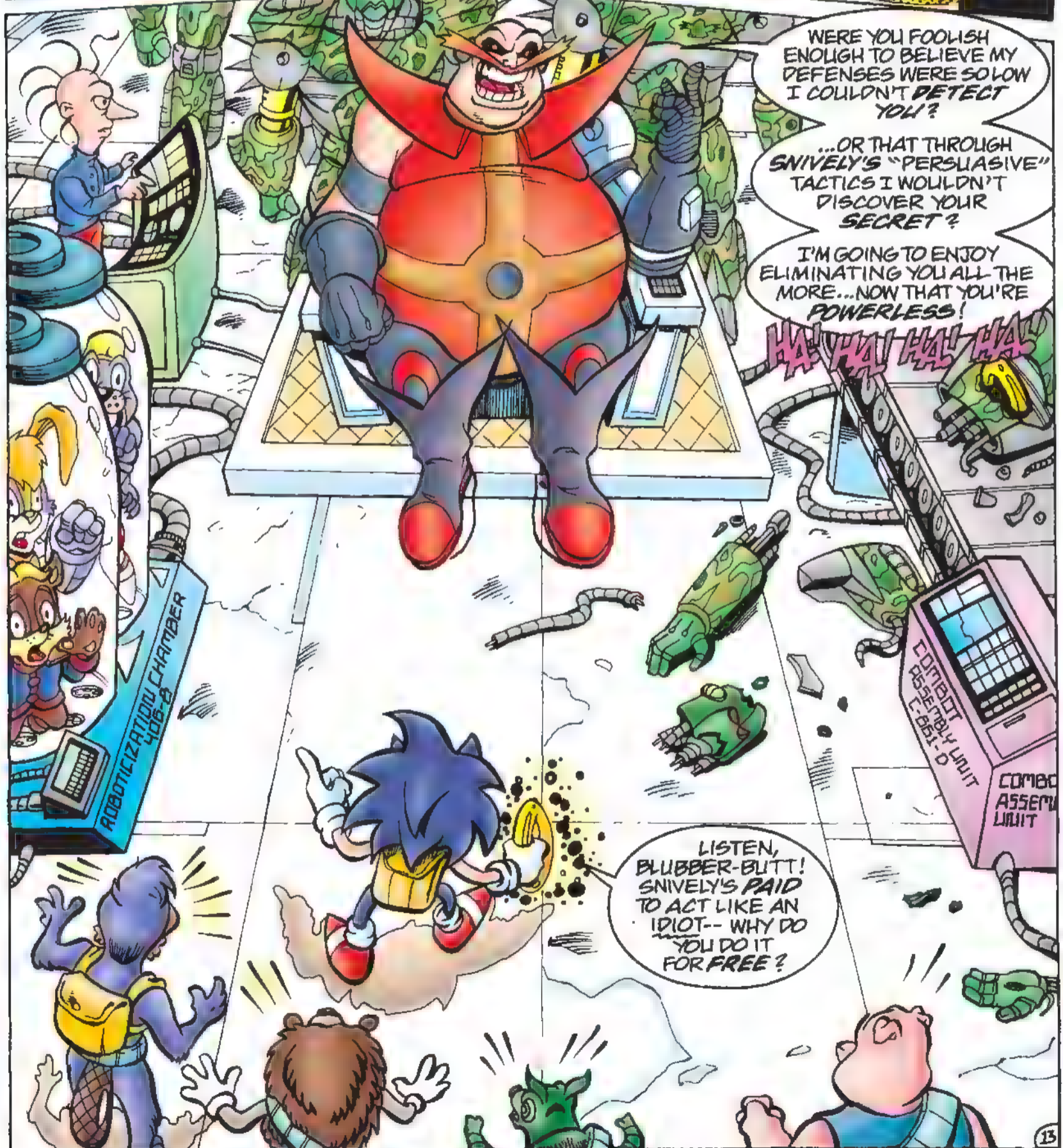
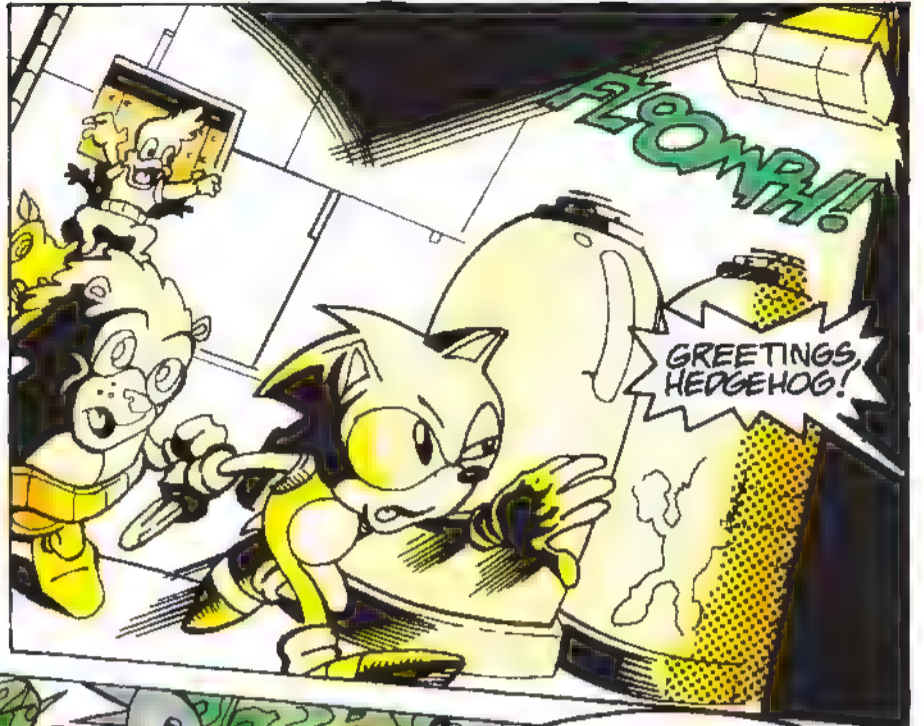
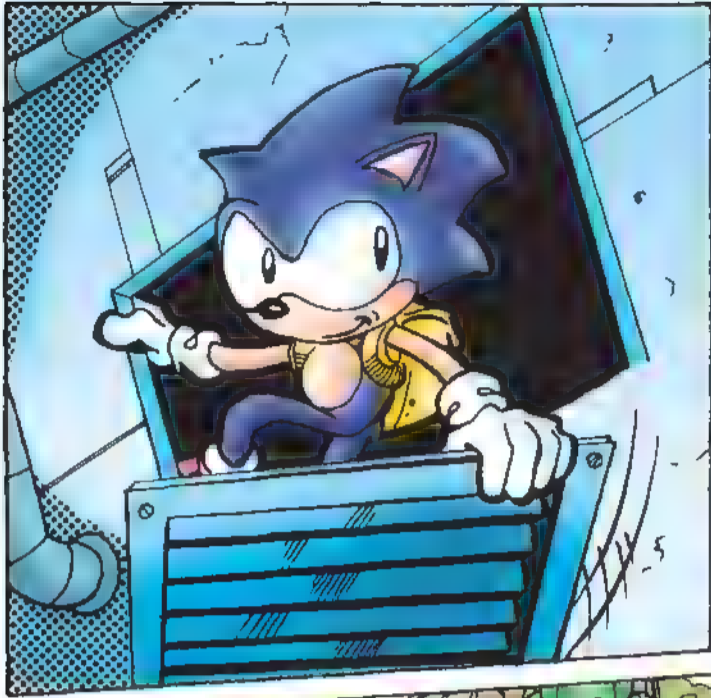
SLAP!

YOU'RE NO COUSIN OF MINE, PORKY!

SHE'S RIGHT! FOR ALL OUR SALES, WE'VE GOT TO KEEP OUR COURAGE UP!

C'MON, SONIC! THIS IS NO TIME FOR A QUARREL! WE'RE COUNTING ON YOUR LEADERSHIP!

WE'RE HERE! IT'S GOING TO BE A TIGHT FIT! TAKE IT EASY AND KEEP IT QUIET!



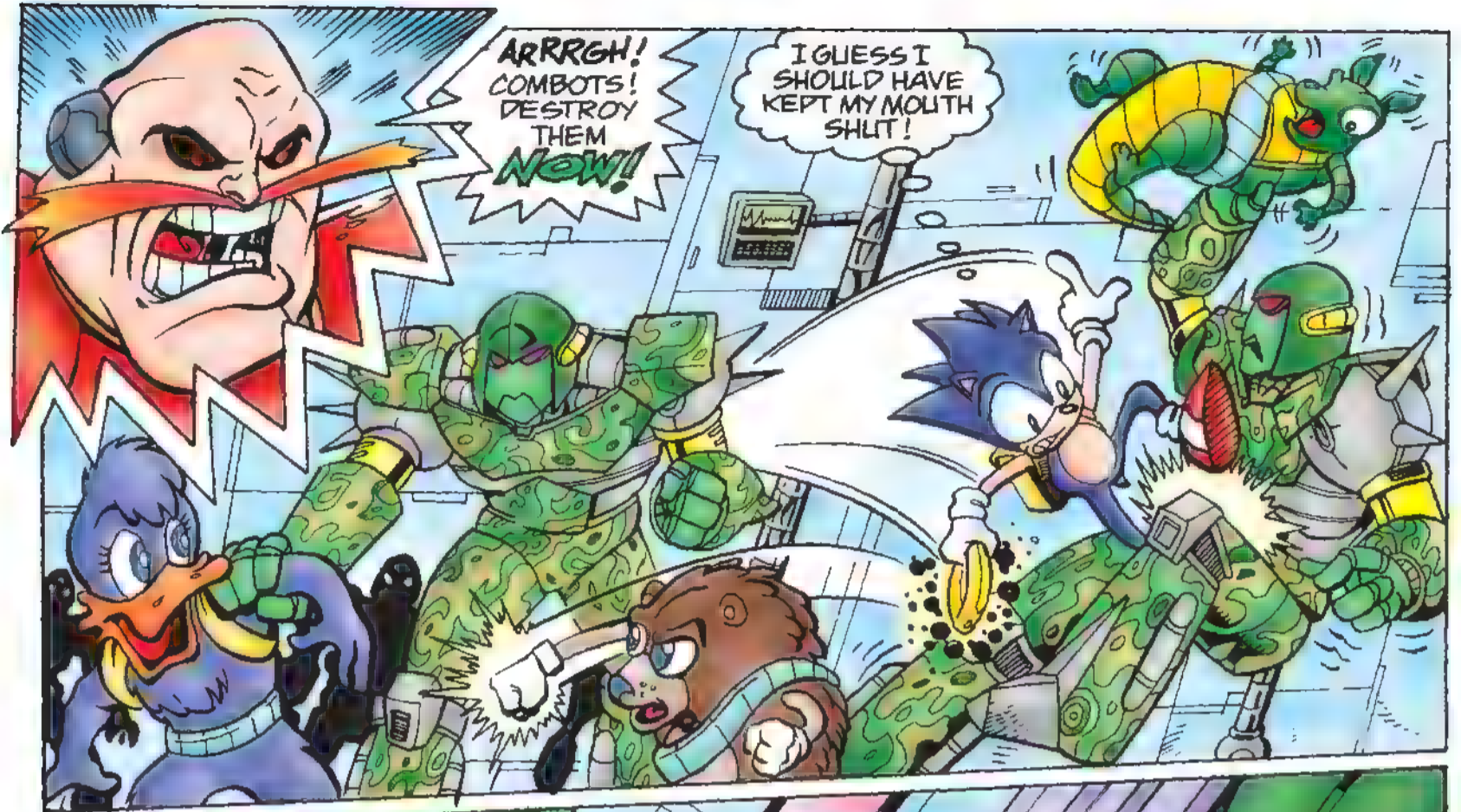
WERE YOU FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE MY DEFENSES WERE SO LOW I COULDN'T DETECT YOU?

...OR THAT THROUGH SNIVELY'S "PERSUASIVE" TACTICS I WOULDN'T DISCOVER YOUR SECRET?

I'M GOING TO ENJOY ELIMINATING YOU ALL THE MORE...NOW THAT YOU'RE POWERLESS!

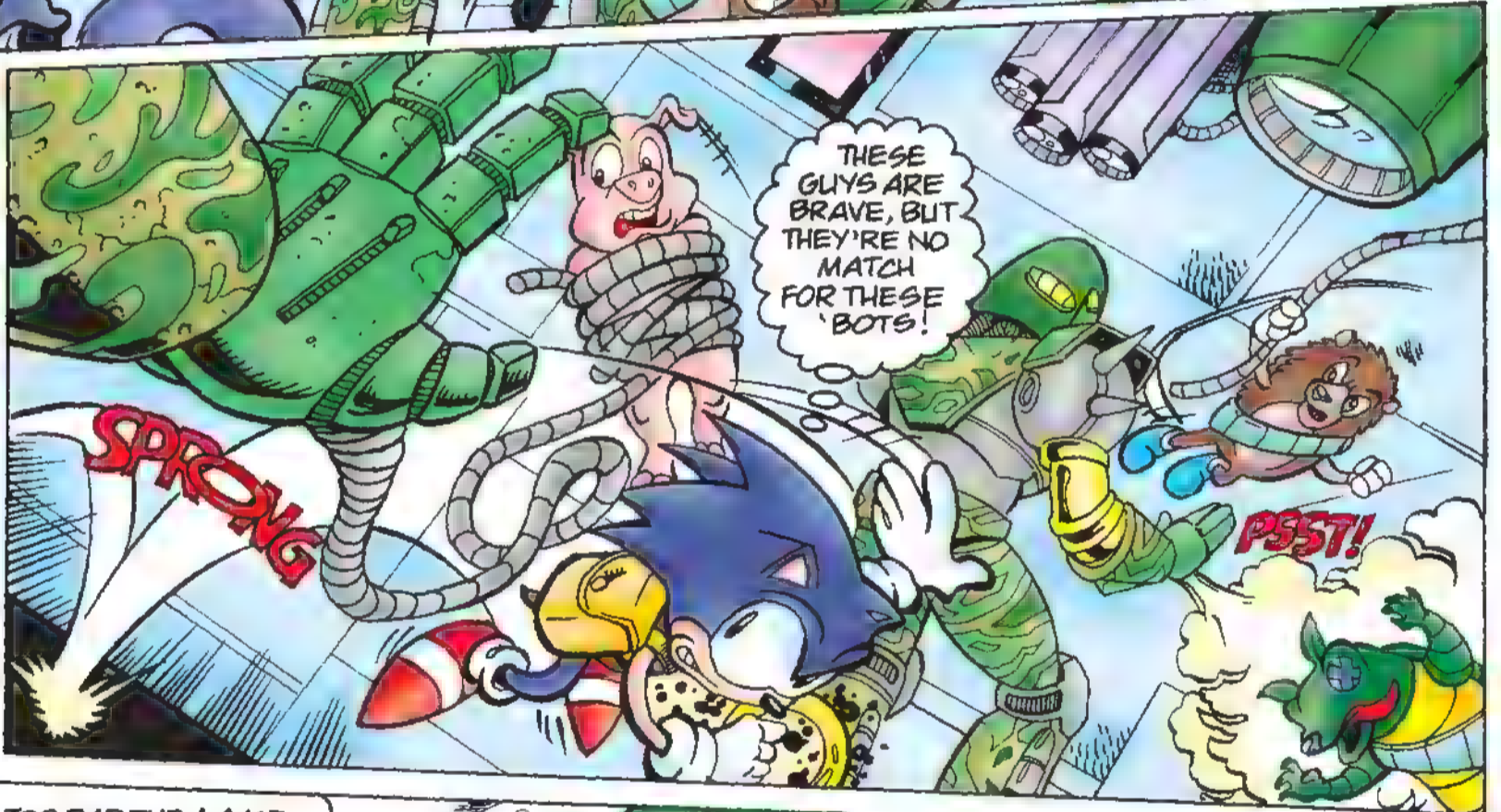
HA HA HA HA HA

LISTEN, BLUBBER-BUTT! SNIVELY'S PAID TO ACT LIKE AN IDIOT-- WHY DO YOU DO IT FOR FREE?



ARRRGH!  
COMBOTS!  
DESTROY  
THEM  
**NOW!**

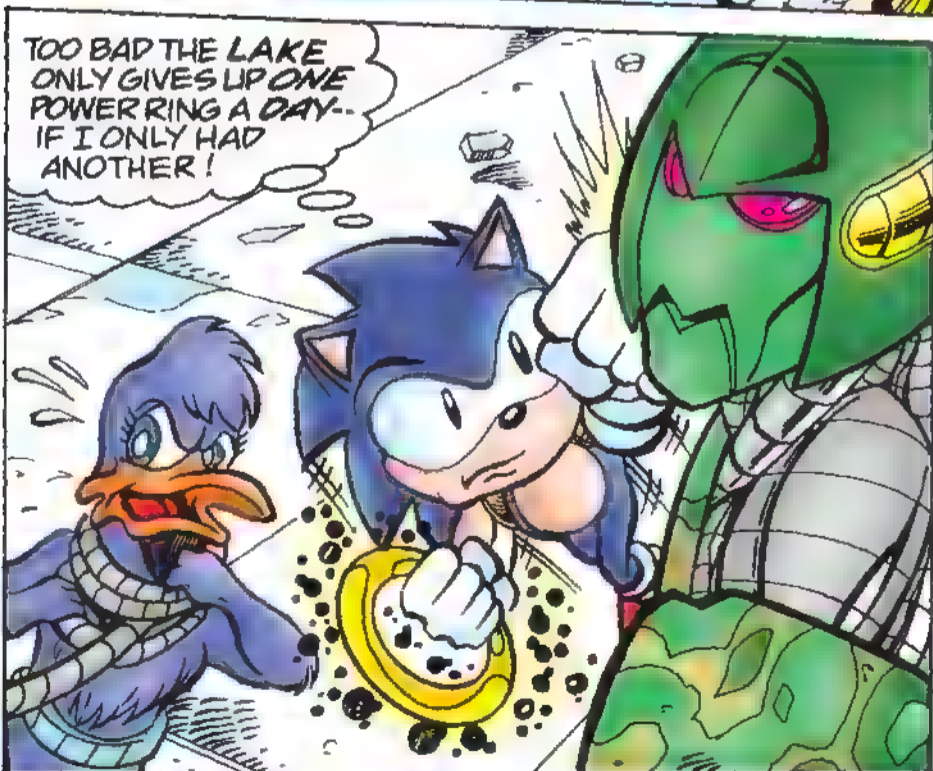
I GUESS I  
SHOULD HAVE  
KEPT MY MOUTH  
SHUT!



THESE  
GUYS ARE  
BRAVE, BUT  
THEY'RE NO  
MATCH  
FOR THESE  
'BOTS!

**SPRONG**

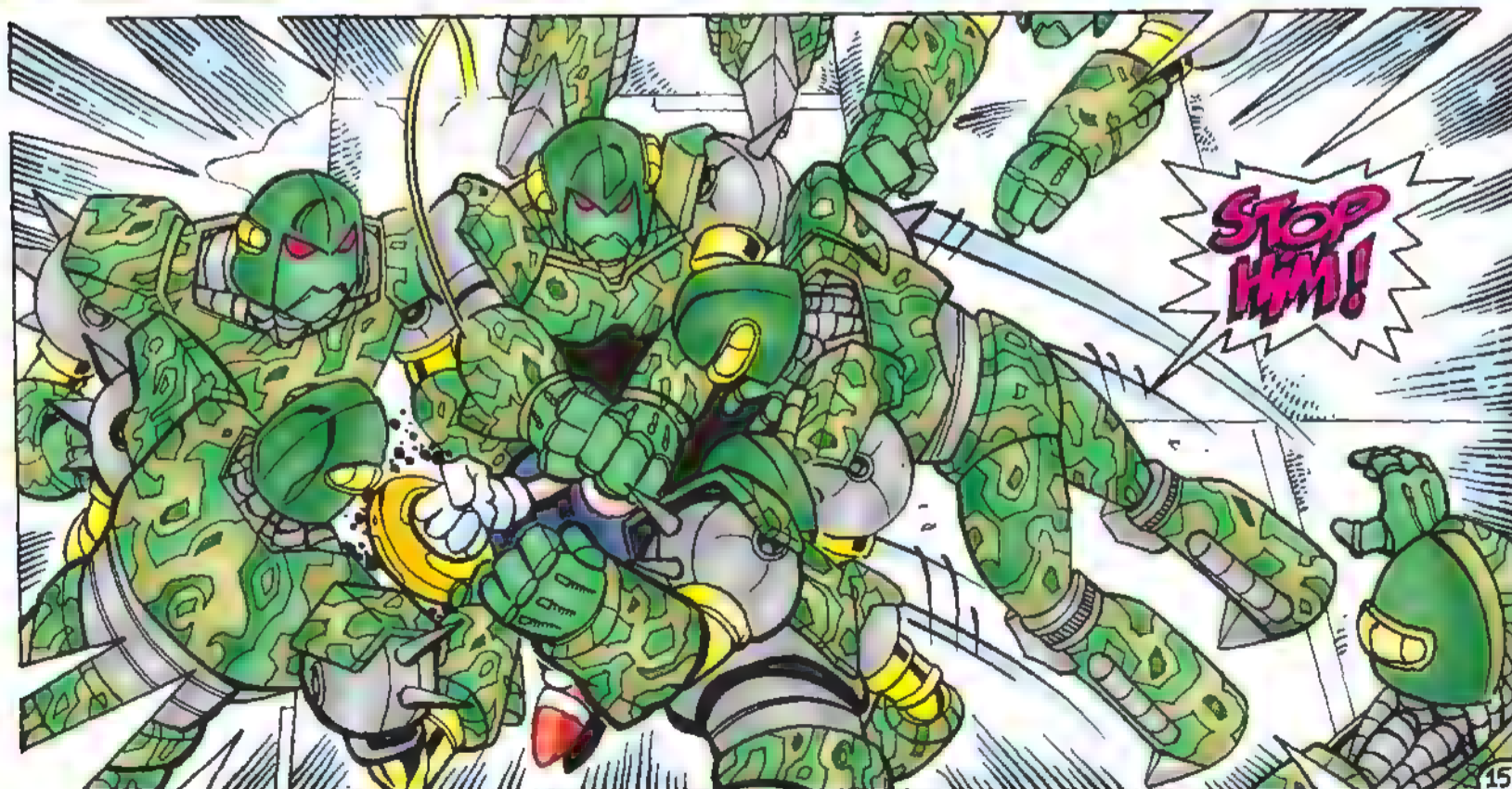
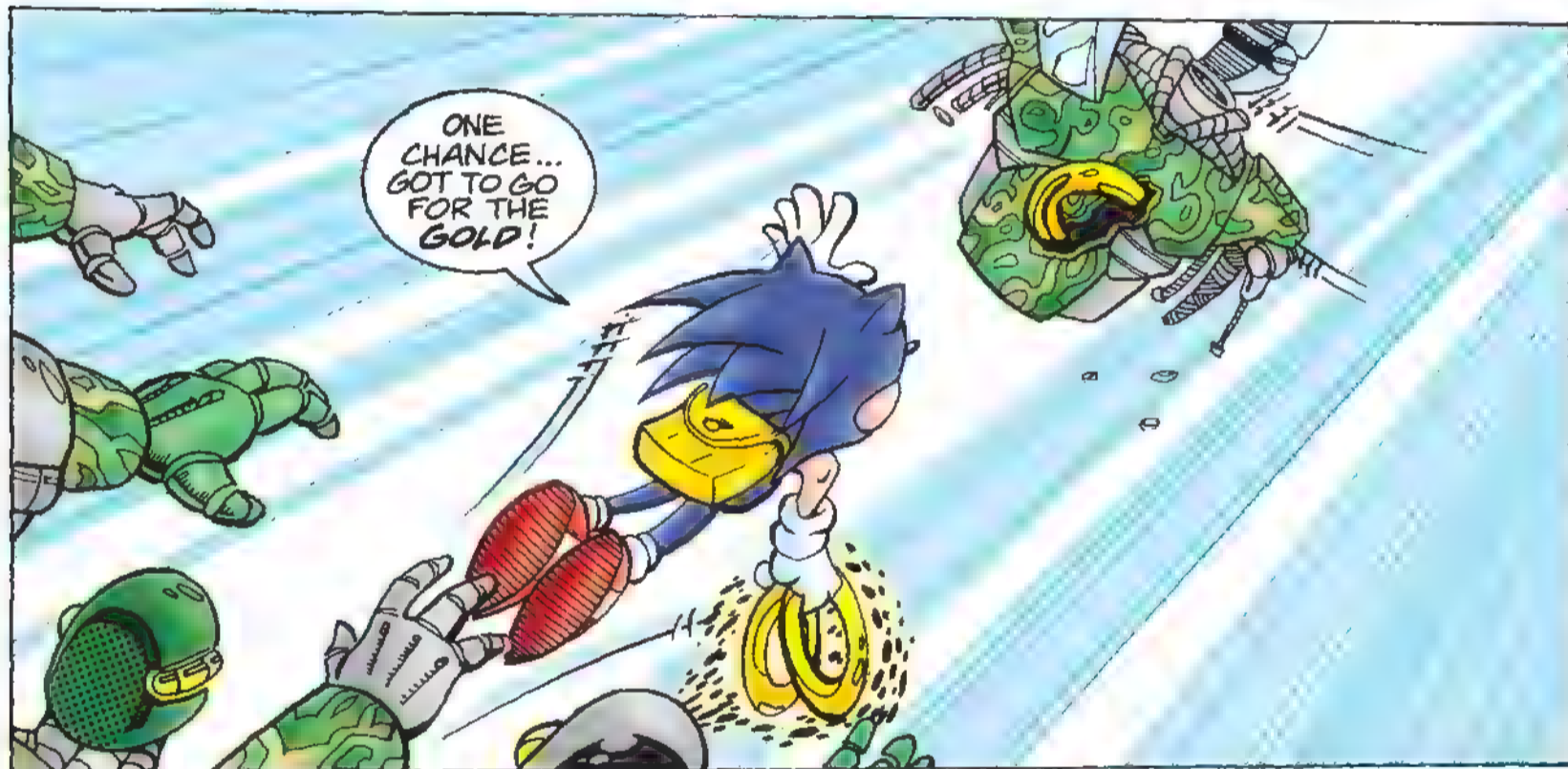
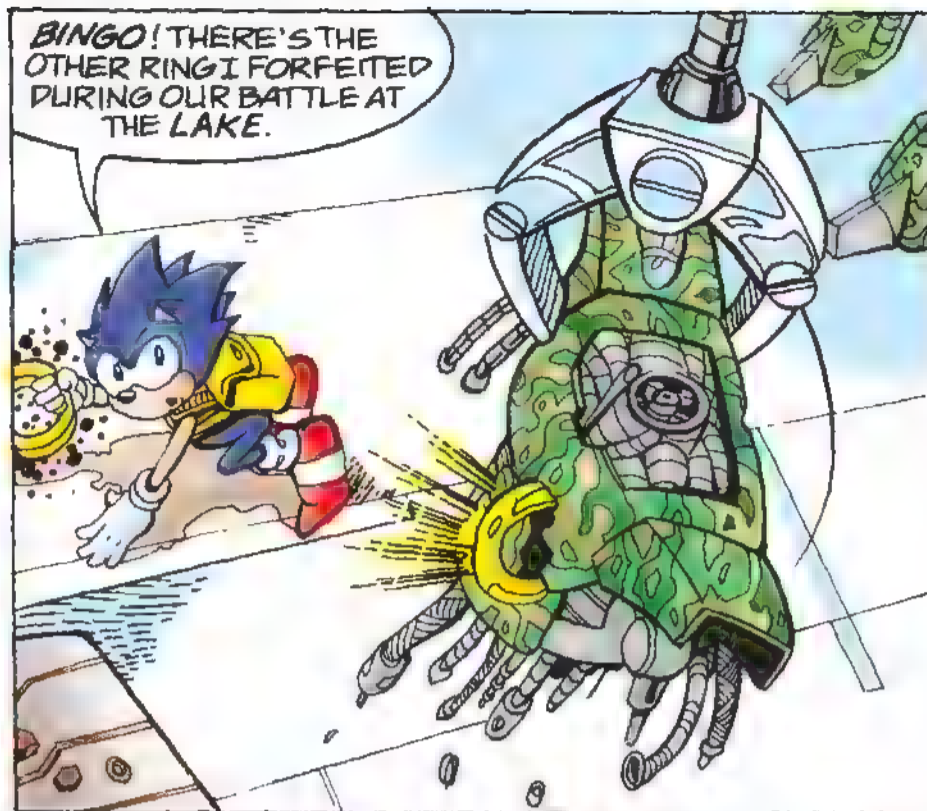
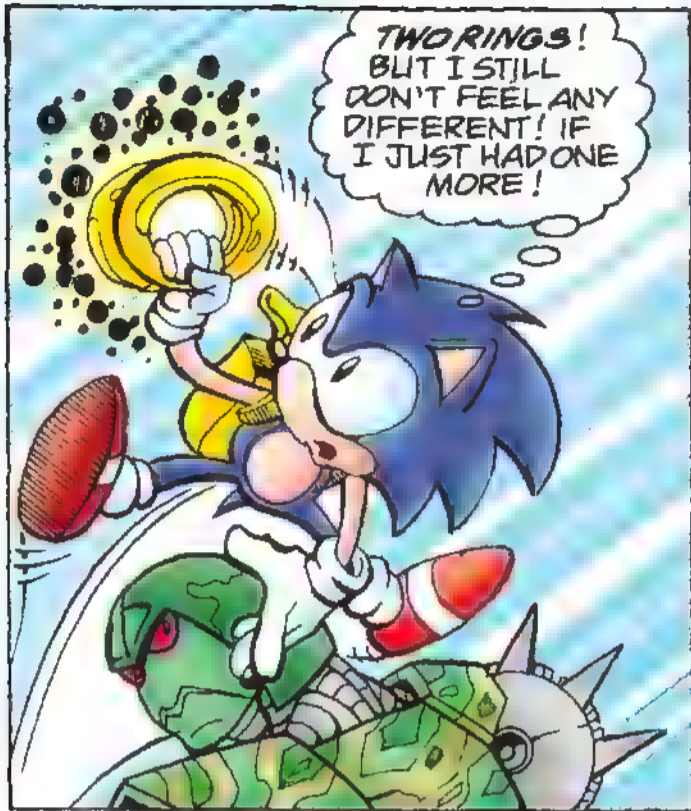
**PSSST!**



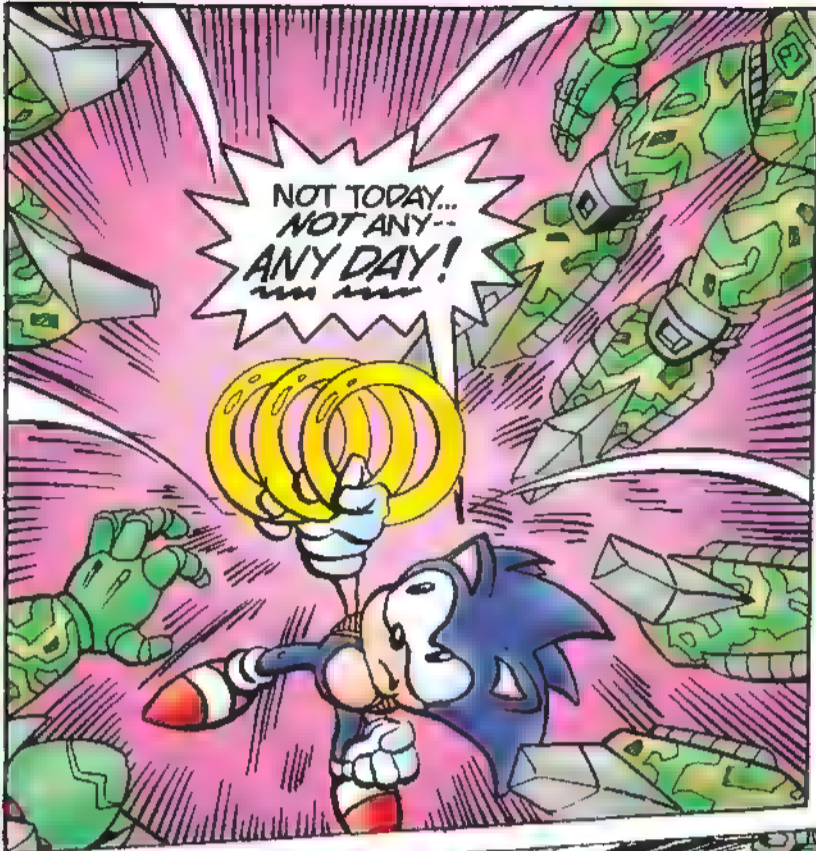
TOO BAD THE LAKE  
ONLY GIVES UP ONE  
POWER RING A DAY--  
IF I ONLY HAD  
ANOTHER!



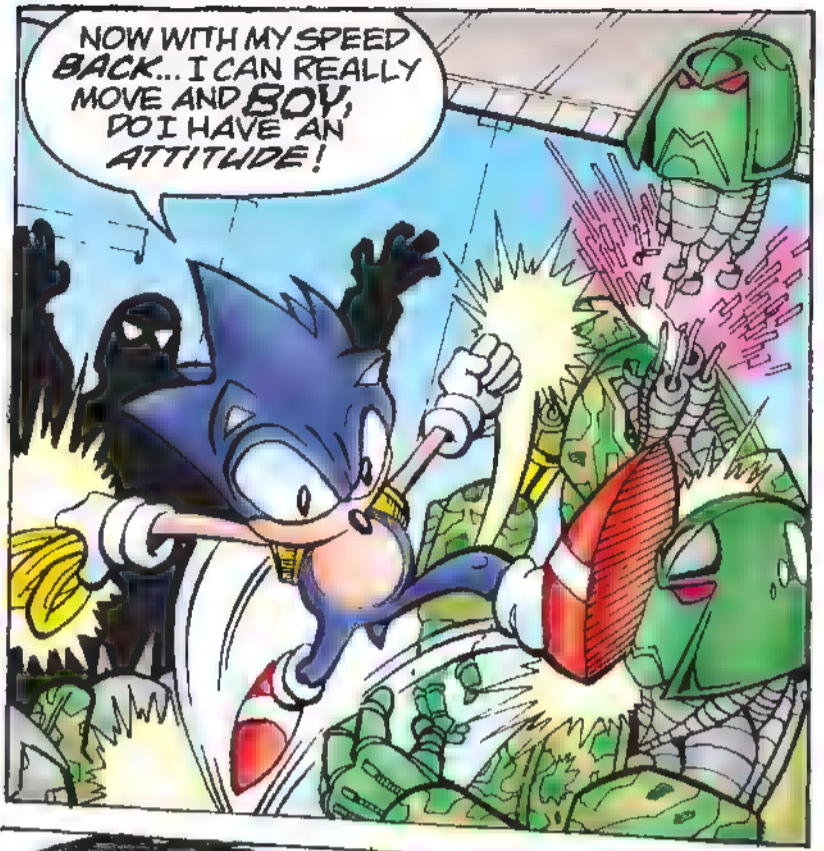
I'M A REAL DOPE!  
I COMPLETELY FORGOT--  
I DO HAVE ANOTHER ONE!  
IN MY BACKPACK!



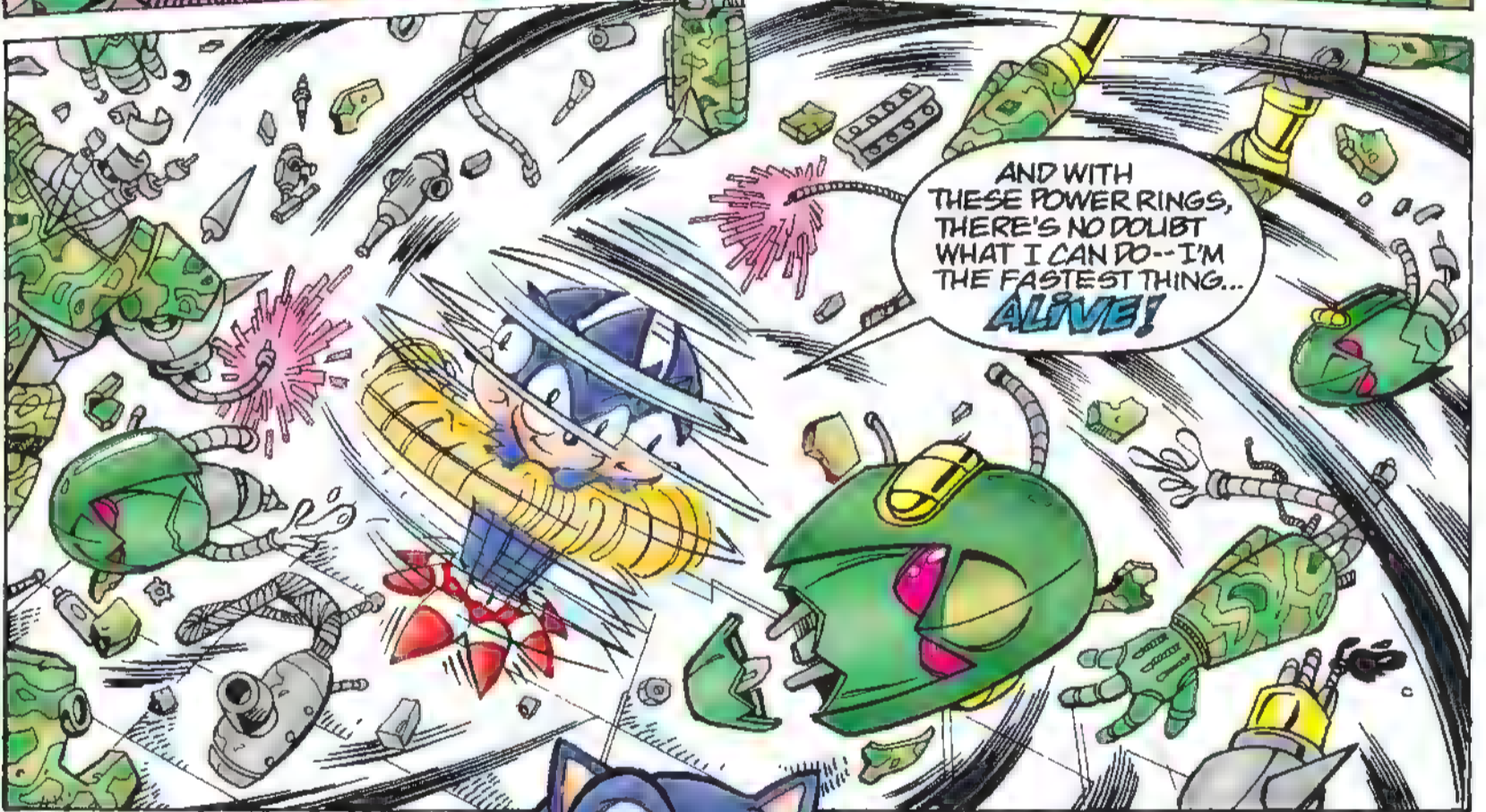




NOT TODAY...  
NOT ANY...  
ANY DAY!



NOW WITH MY SPEED  
BACK... I CAN REALLY  
MOVE AND BOY,  
DO I HAVE AN  
ATTITUDE!



AND WITH  
THESE POWER RINGS,  
THERE'S NO DOUBT  
WHAT I CAN DO-- I'M  
THE FASTEST THING...  
**ALIVE!**



OK, CONEHEAD, YOUR  
BOTS ARE BUSTED, MY  
FRIENDS ARE FREE--  
AND YOUR STORY'S  
**ENDED!**



PERHAPS FOR TODAY. AND I DID HAVE SUCH HIGH HOPES FOR MY COMBOTS! PITY.

WHOA!

HE'S ESCAPING!

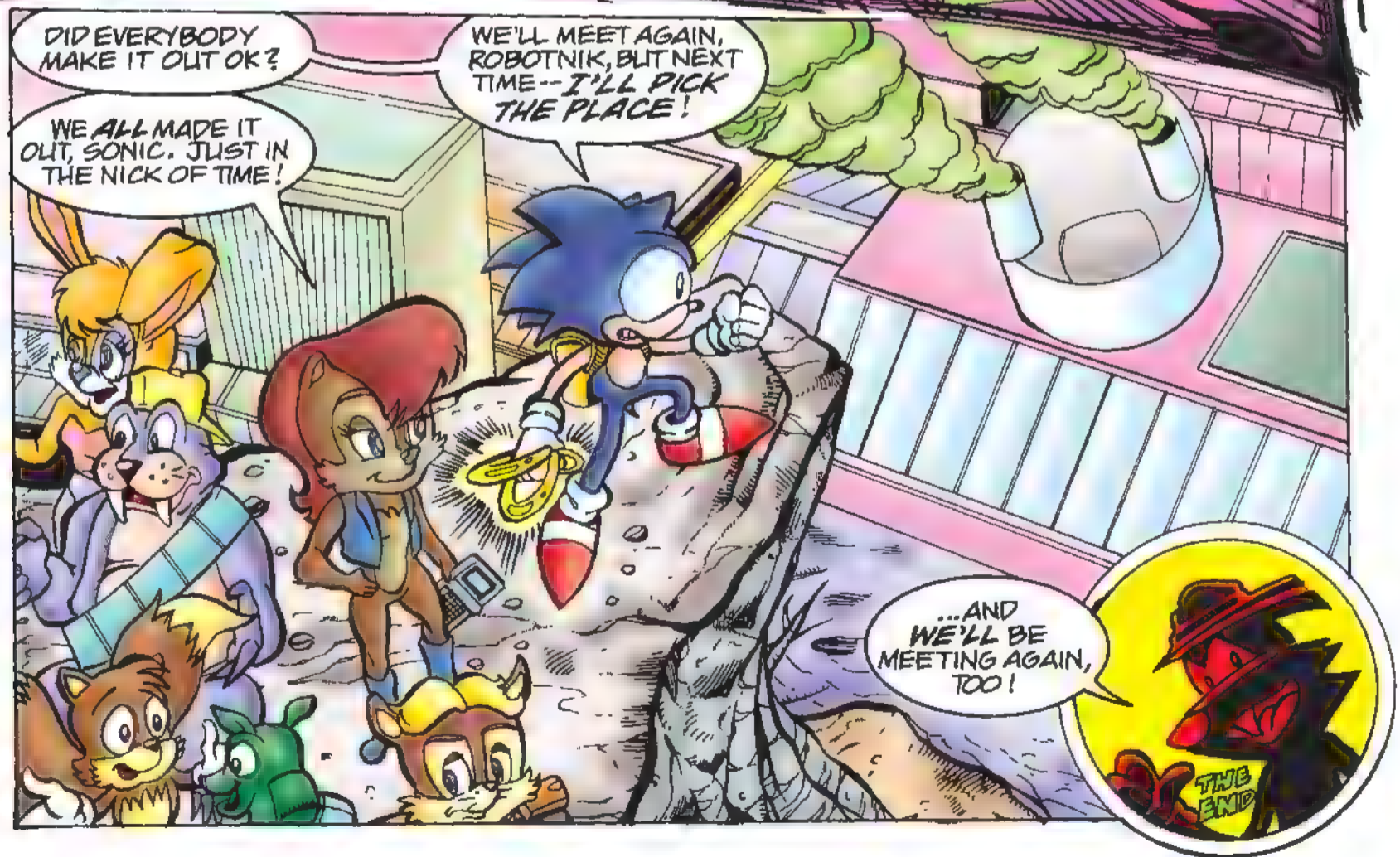


YES, AND JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T STEAL ANY OF MY TECHNOLOGY, I'VE SET A BOMB TO GO OFF!

BUT I AM A SPORTING MAN, SO I'LL GIVE A 60-SECOND HEAD START-AND COUNTING!

**TATA!**

# KA-BOOM!



DID EVERYBODY MAKE IT OUT OK?

WE ALL MADE IT OUT, SONIC. JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!

WE'LL MEET AGAIN, ROBOTNIK, BUT NEXT TIME--I'LL PICK THE PLACE!

...AND WE'LL BE MEETING AGAIN, TOO!

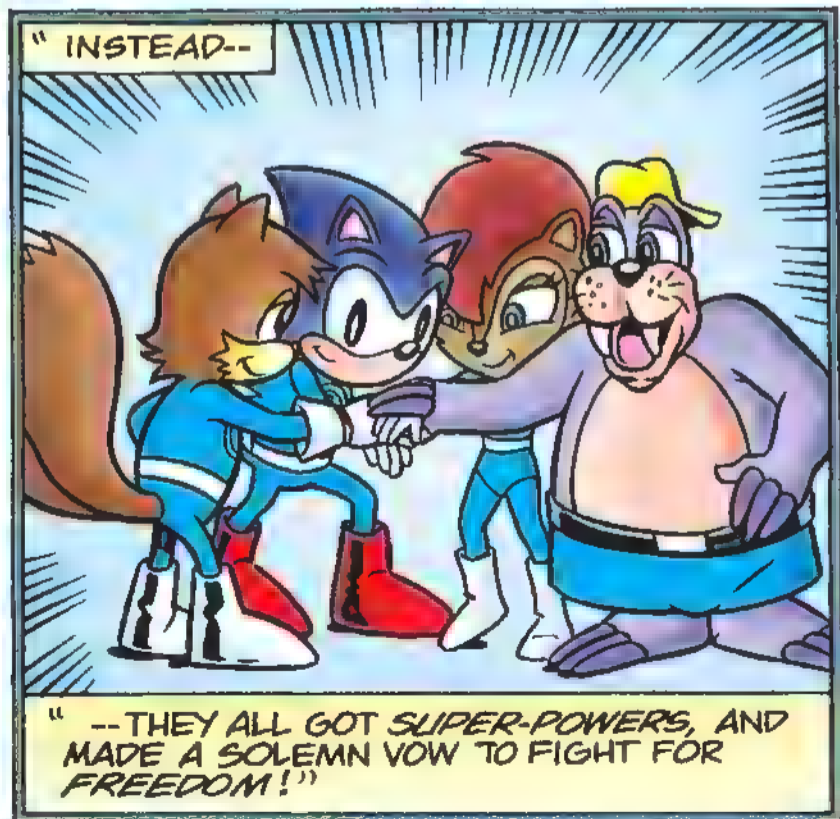
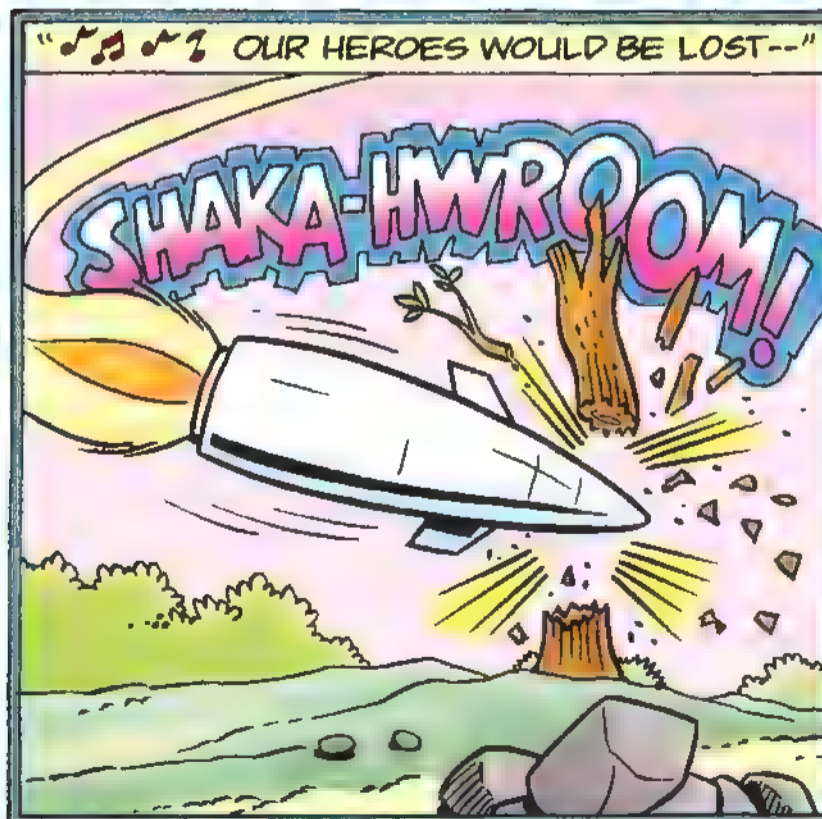
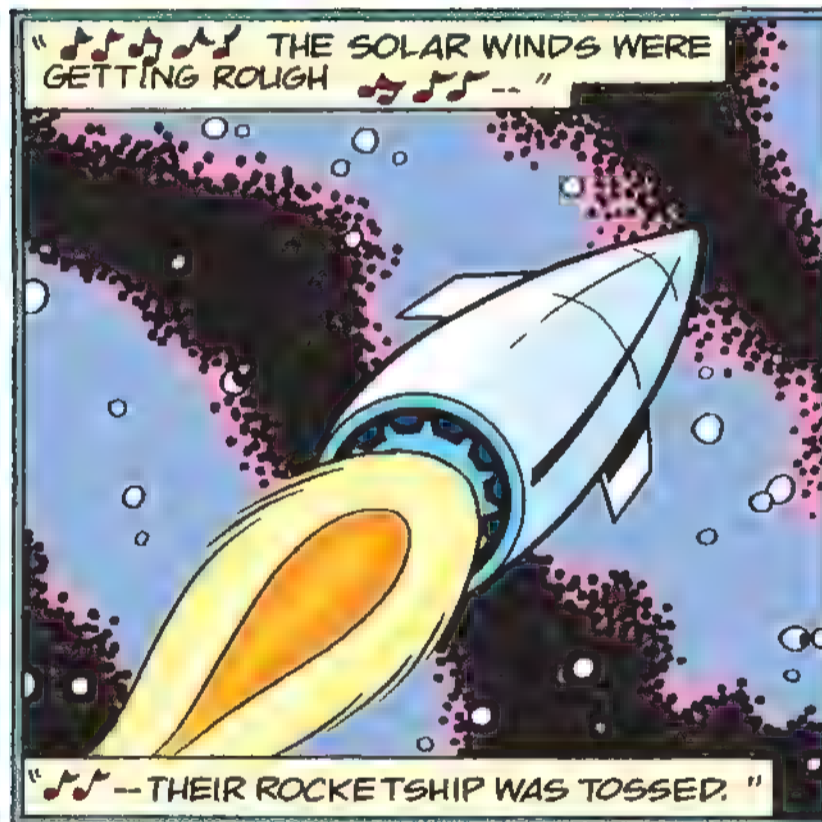
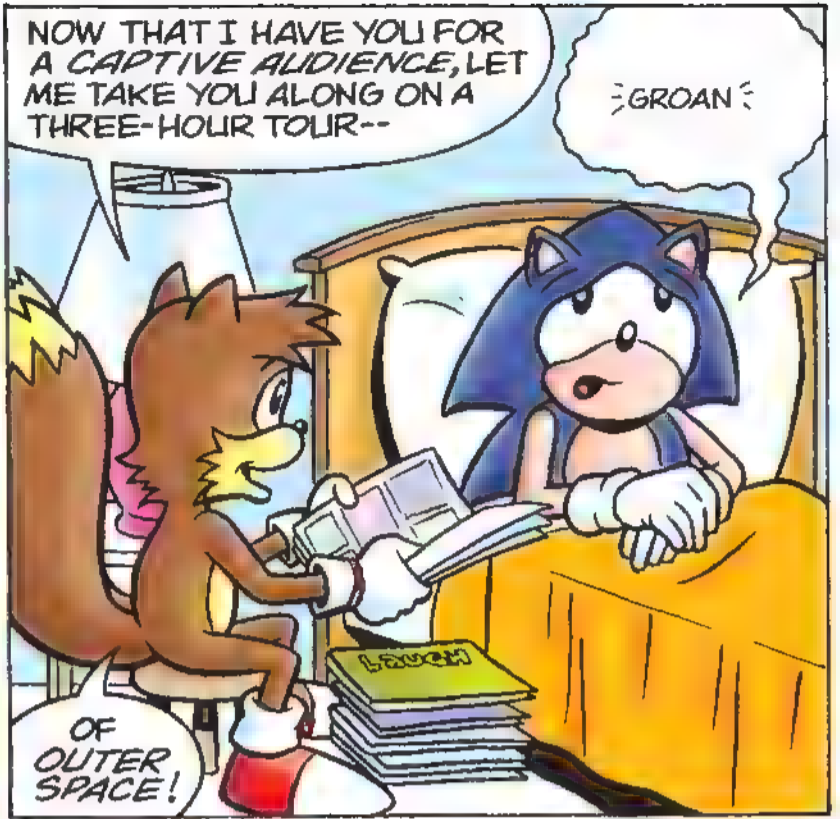
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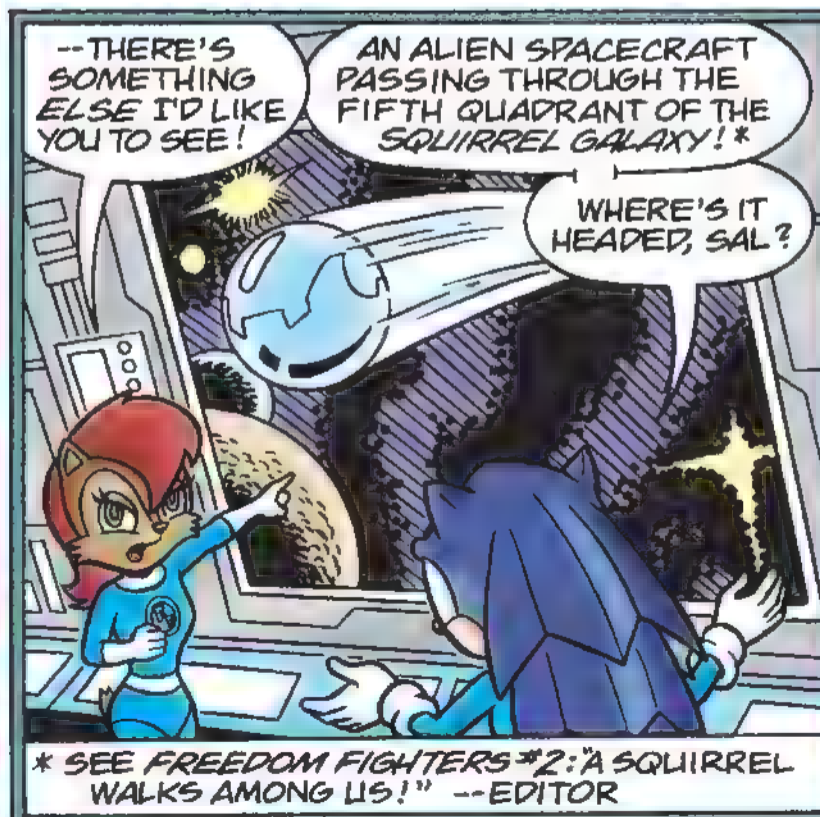
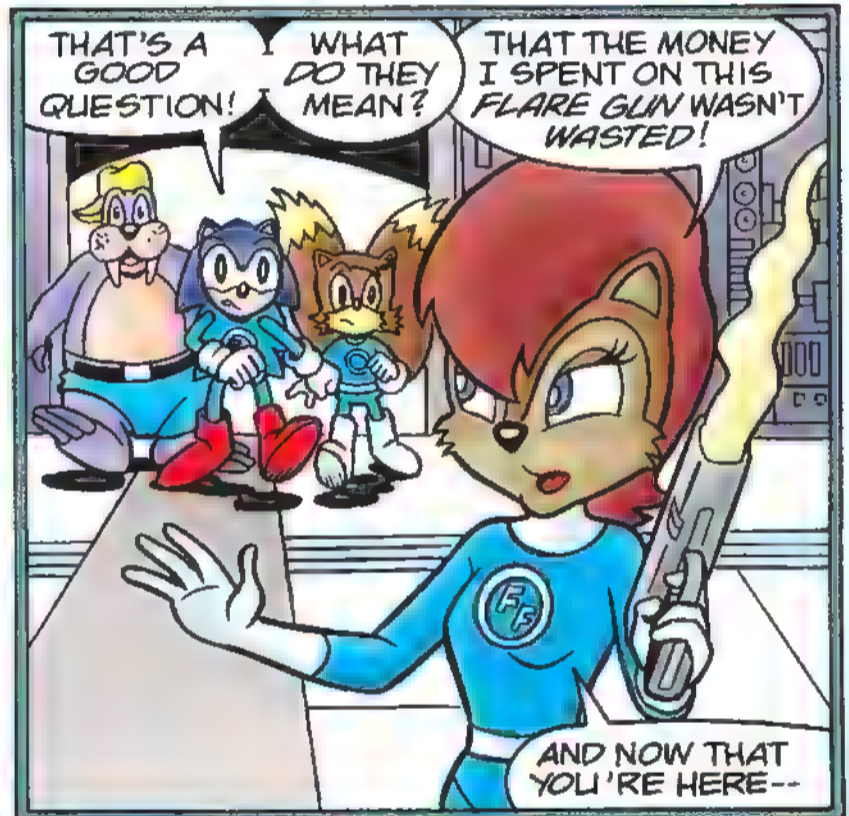
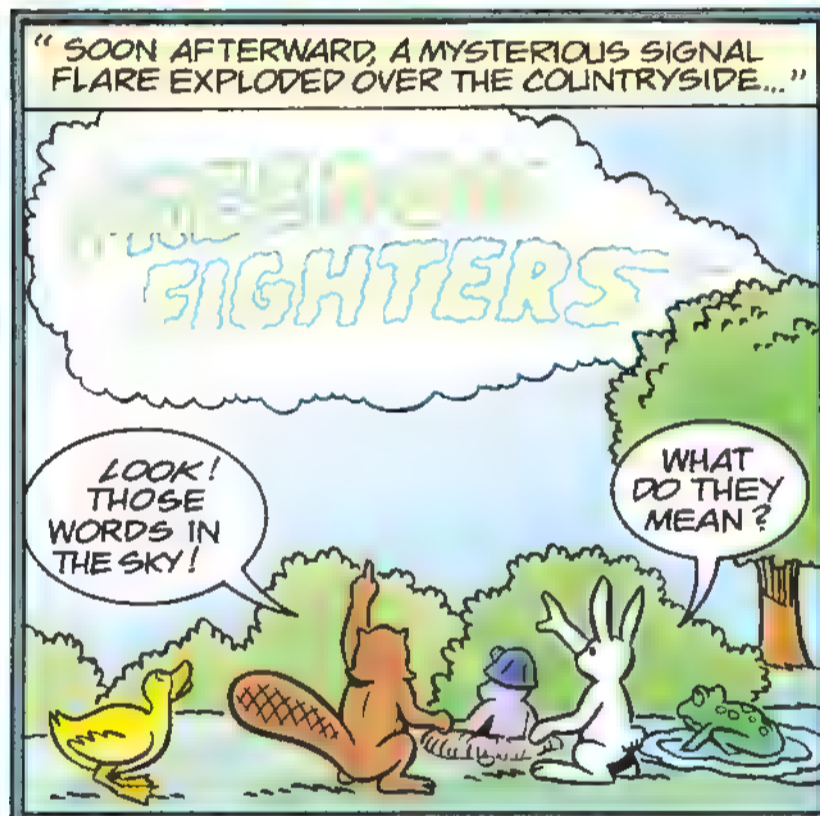
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG COULD REALLY GO FOR A FEW...



A SCINTILLATING SAGA OF TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY CRAFTED WITH CARE IN THE MIGHTY MOBILUS MANNER BY MIKE KANTEROVICH & KEN PENDERS, WITH JON D'AGOSTINO, VICKIE WILLIAMS, & BARRY GROSSMAN.









**THOOM!**

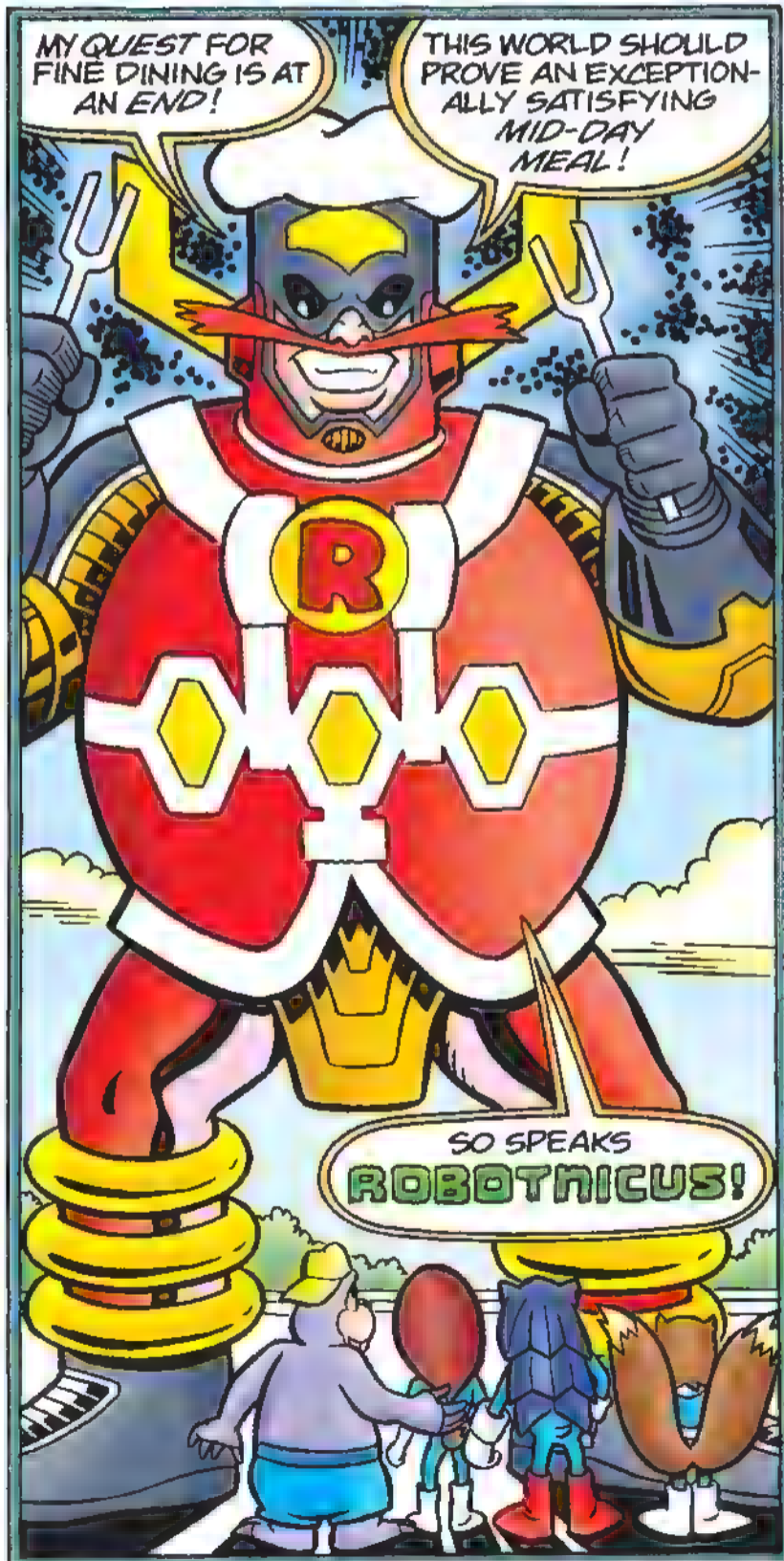
WHAT WAS THAT?



WHATEVER IT WAS, IT LANDED ON THE ROOF!

LET'S GO, GANG!

**FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOREVER!**



MY QUEST FOR FINE DINING IS AT AN END!

THIS WORLD SHOULD PROVE AN EXCEPTIONALLY SATISFYING MID-DAY MEAL!

SO SPEAKS **ROBOTNIKUS!**



≡GULP≡

SOUNDS LIKE HE'S PLANNING TO EAT THE PLANET!

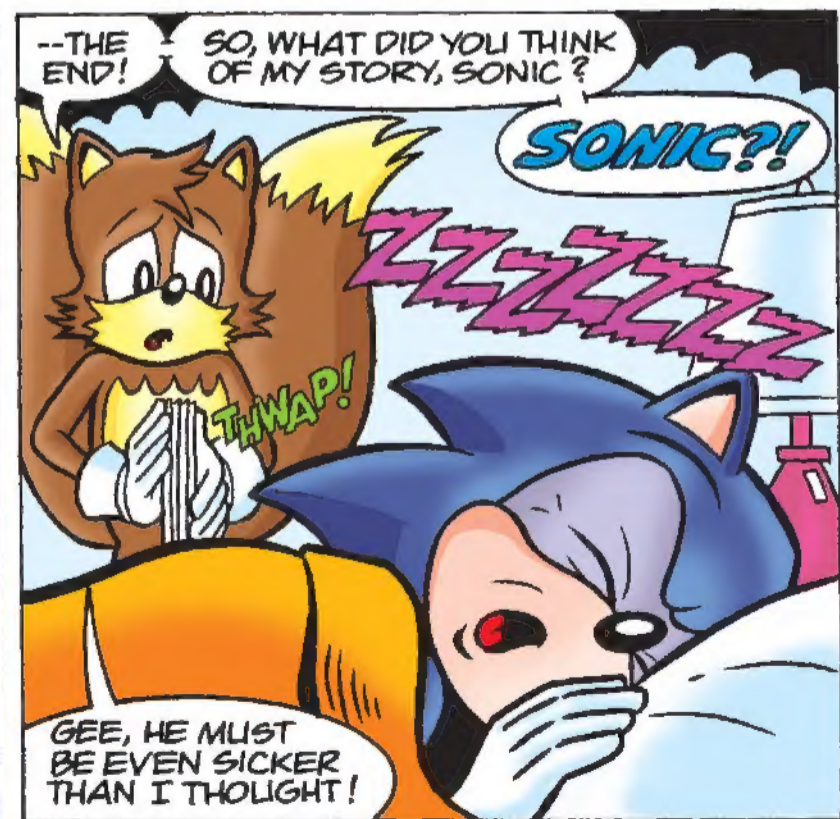
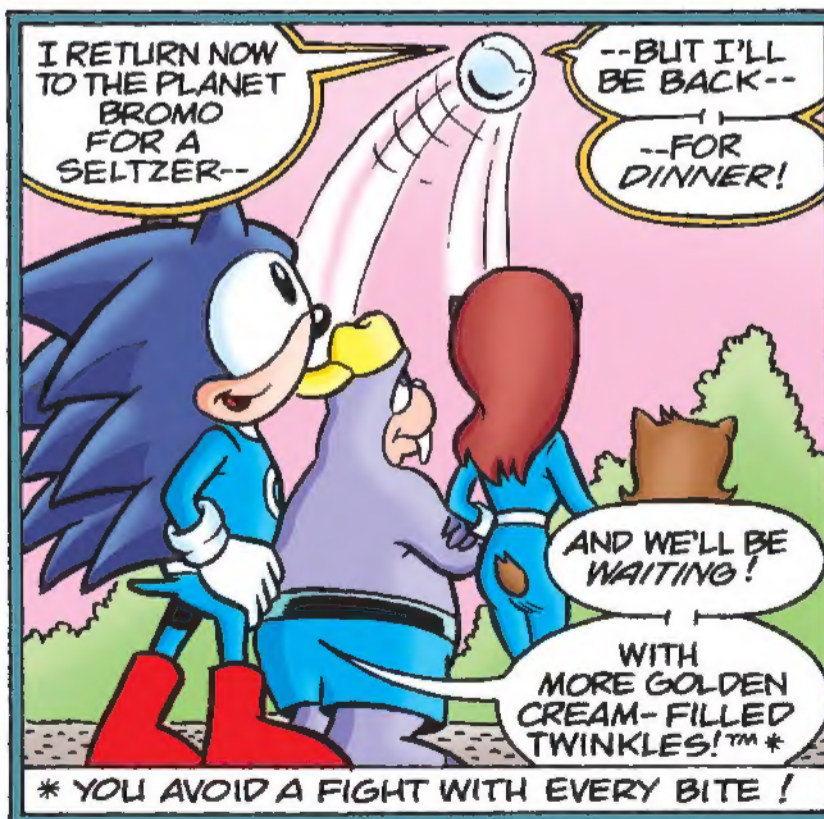
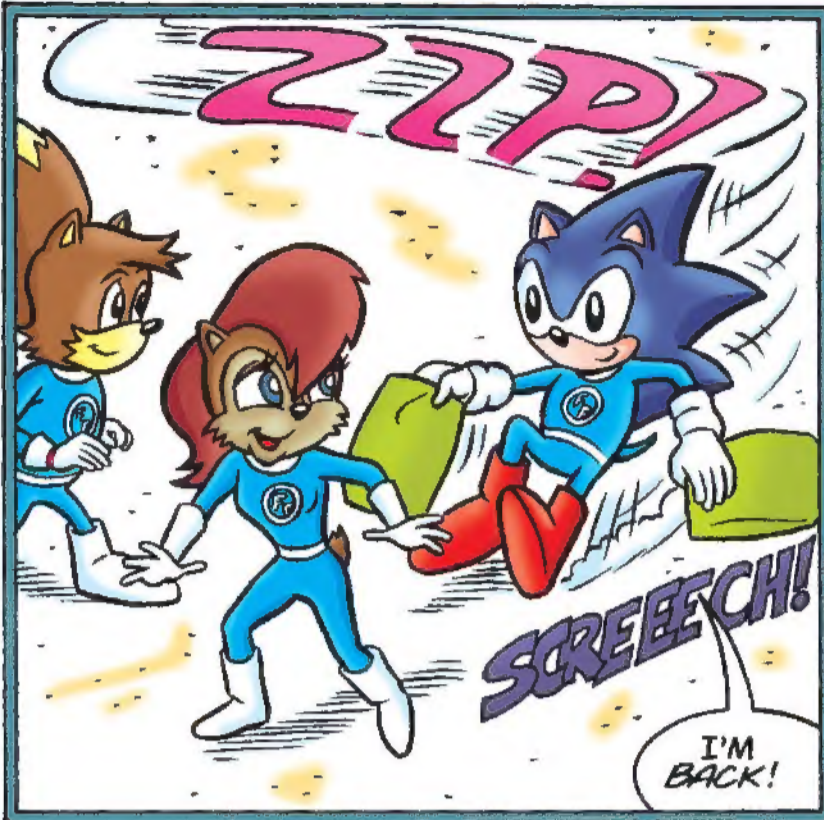
YOU KNOW THE DRILL, SONIC!

RIGHT, SAL!



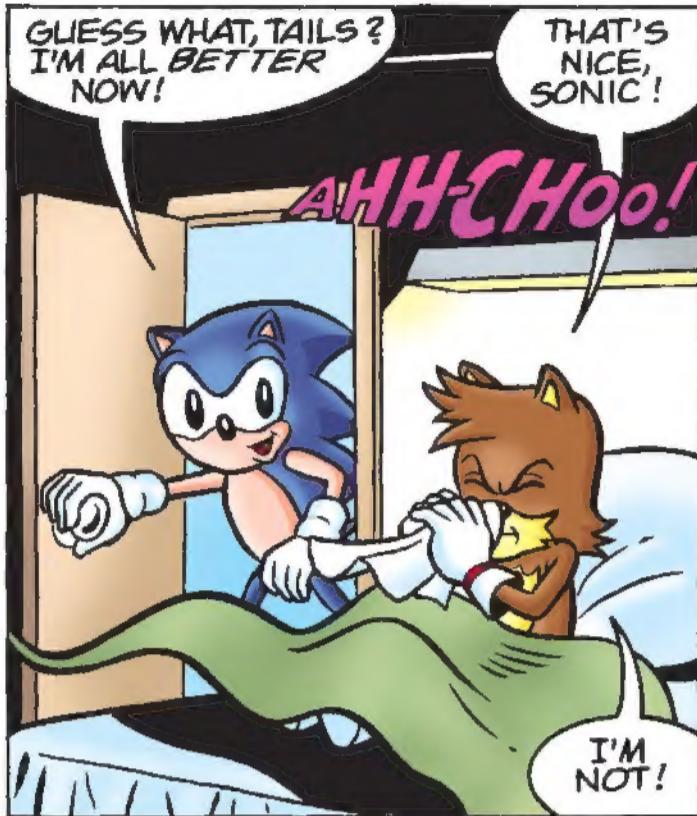
WE'LL HOLD HIM OFF 'TIL YOU GET BACK!

I HOPE!





THE VERY NEXT DAY...



GUESS WHAT, TAILS? I'M ALL BETTER NOW!

THAT'S NICE, SONIC!

AHH-CHOO!

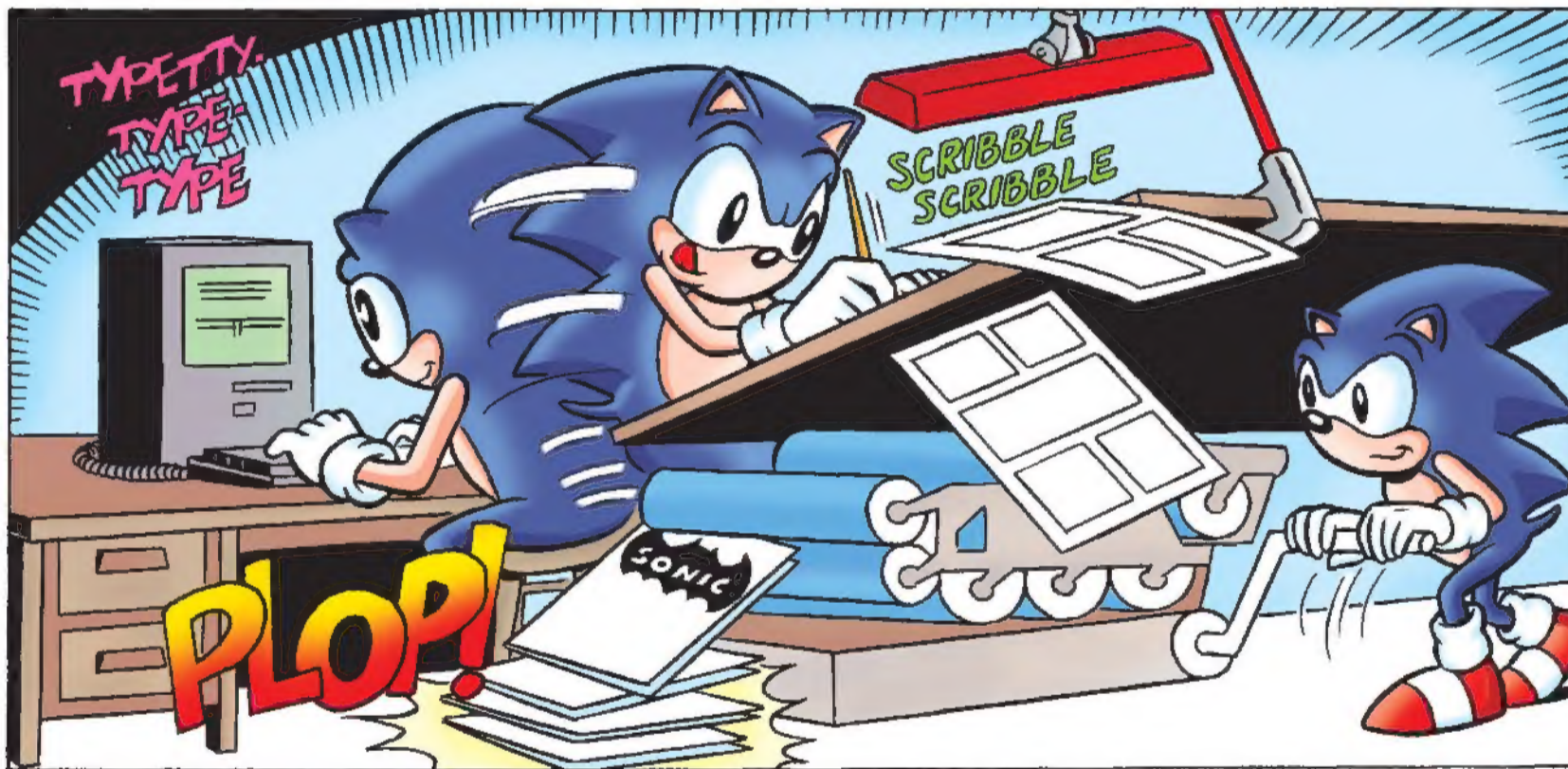
I'M NOT!



YOU'RE **NOT?!?**

WELL, I'VE GOT JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!

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PLOP!



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"HE WAS A DARK AND STORMY KNIGHT..."

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NEW-LOOK,  
SONIC FANS!!**

**DON'T  
MISS...**  
**The  
DARK  
HOG  
RETURNS...**

